



## **OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MARK DREIBELBIS**

### **LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO ATHLETICS OFF THE PLAYING FIELD**

Mark's lifelong commitment to athletics off the playing field is evident from his extensive resume in athletic administration, officiating, and advancement. With thirty years of experience in athletic administration, Mark has successfully developed programs, managed budgets, implemented external operations and public relations, directed sport programs, and officiated at the interscholastic and intercollegiate levels.

Mark's dedication to athletics is highlighted in his various leadership roles. He most recently served as an Associate Commissioner at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, where he supervised officials, directed student services, served as a rule's clinician, and was the championship director for assigned NCHSAA sport programs. Additionally, Mark was the national certification trainer for the NFHS Coach Education curriculum.

Mark's contribution to athletics has been recognized through several awards and service, including the 2023 NFHS Officiating "Citation Award," 2020 NIAAA "Distinguished Service Award," 2018 NCHSAA "Golden Whistle Award," and the 2014 NFHS "Coach Educator of the Year." Mark's commitment to diversity is also evident in his work, where he mandated diversity representation in all NCHSAA State Championship assignments and assigned the first all-female crew for a NCHSAA Basketball, Soccer, and Volleyball State Championship game.

Apart from his administrative roles, Mark has also officiated for 30 years as an NCHSAA Basketball Referee, 26 years as an NCAA Basketball Referee, 12 years as an NCHSAA Baseball Umpire, and four years as an NCAA Baseball Umpire. He has officiated six NCHSAA State Basketball Championships and fourteen NCAA post-season Tournaments.

Mark's commitment to athletics extends beyond officiating and administration. He has also served as the Director of Yosef Club at Appalachian State University, where he directed all aspects of Athletic Scholarship Fund, established Endowment Fund campaign, and directed Capital Campaign for athletics facilities. He has also directed annual fundraising activities of ASU Foundation, Inc. and established regional alumni chapters.

Mark's passion for athletics is evident from his diverse experiences in athletic administration, advancement, and officiating. His lifelong commitment to athletics off the playing field is a testament to his love for sports and his desire to give back to the community through his expertise and leadership.