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JHS alumnus Tim Fogarty honored by Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame

The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame is recognizing the late Tim Fogarty, Jefferson High School alumnus and LSC coach, for his contributions as a high school basketball official as a 2026 Men's Center Circle Official Award Winner.

Fogarty worked 49 years as a basketball official, from 1971 to 2014 in Indiana and 2014-20 in Florida, calling games at multiple levels throughout his officiating career. He officiated at the high school and college levels, including games in the Big Ten and other NCAA Division I conferences.

A career highlight for Fogarty was serving as an official in the movie "Hoosiers," and he cited fellow officials Bob Showalter, Gary Muncie, Roger DeYoung, Jerry Larrison, Troy Ingram, Jerry Petro, Ken Gorrell, Rex Nichols and Bob Carr as mentors and role models.

A 1968 graduate of Jefferson High School, Fogarty played football for the Bronchos. He went on to Ball State University, earning a bachelor's degree in education in 1972 and later a master's degree in education in 1976. While an undergraduate at Ball State, he participated in intramural basketball, football, soccer and softball, joined the Central Indiana Officials Association in 1971 and officiated junior varsity basketball and football in 1971-72. He moved to the WIOA and started calling varsity contests in 1972-73.

Fogarty began his career in education as a teacher and assistant football coach at Twin Lakes from 1972-76. He worked for MBAH Insurance in Lafayette from 1976-91. He returned to education in 1991, working as teacher, football coach and basketball coach at Tecumseh Middle School in Lafayette from 1991 until retiring in 2014. He also was a member of the Lafayette Jaycees and served on the board of directors for the Boys Club of Tippecanoe County.

Fogarty and his wife, Suzanne, have two adult sons – Tim Jr. and Taylor – and one granddaughter. Fogarty was 72 when he passed away in Florida on Oct. 2, 2022.

All Center Circle Officials Award Winners will be honored at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame 64th Men's Awards Banquet on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. A midday reception, free and open to the public, will be held at the Hall of Fame Museum in New Castle. For more information, contact the Hall of Fame at 765-529-1891 or kayla@hoopshall.com.

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