

Walter F. Ersing, PH.D.

Walter's contributions to the swimming world are numerous and varied. He managed the OHSSA State Swimming Championship meet for 28 years from 1957-1985. In that time, Walter was instrumental in moving the state meet from the OSU Natatorium to the CT Branin Natatorium and helped facilitate the establishment of the 'At-large Qualifying Rule' for the State Championship Meet. In addition, Walter was the manager of the Central District meet from 1957-1962 and officiated high school swimming in the greater Central District from 1956-1977.

Walter was inducted into the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame in June of 2013 for his outstanding service in swimming and soccer and for administrative leadership contributions to Ohio high school sports. He was also presented with the OHSAA Certificate of Appreciation in September of 1984 in recognition of contributions to the high school athletic program in Ohio.

Since 1954, Walter has served as a swimming official at Kenyon, Ohio University and The Ohio State University and continues to do so today. He is a member of the Ohio College Swimming Officials Association and is a certified member of the Collegiate Swimming Officials Association.

In addition, Walter was the director of the Big Ten Conference Swimming Championship meet in 1964, and served as director of the Special Olympics State Swimming Meet from 1970-1976. Walter also served as Director and age group swim coach of Aquatics at Scioto Country Club from 1957-1968. In the same period of time, he also served as an adapted physical education teacher of water introduction instruction for pre-school children with special needs.