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An Interview with Barbara Maue

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## Abstract

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Barbara J. Maue was born in Belleville, Illinois on August 11, 1952. She grew up in Shiloh, Illinois and graduated from Mater Dei High School in Breese, Illinois in 1970. Barb graduated from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (SIU-E) in 1974 with a BS degree, majoring in physical education and minoring in health. While at SIU-E, Barb played field hockey, basketball, and softball all four years. Women's sports were at that time just beginning to be competitive in Illinois, due in part to the recent Title IX legislation. Barb's first employment was a teaching position at a K-8 school in Damiansville, Illinois. She stayed there for the next thirty-six years, teaching and coaching. Barb also picked up officiating as a part time activity. She became a licensed volleyball official in 1976 and moved through the three licensed areas of registered, recognized, and certified. As a certified volleyball official, Barb was selected to be a state finals line judge from 1991-94, a floor official from 1995-2000, 2002, and 2004, and a state finals chair official (R1) in 1997 and 2001. She has also been the volleyball state finals coordinator in 2005-2006, and 2008-2016, and beginning in 2008 she became a state volleyball clinician. In 2015, Barb received the IHSA Distinguished Service Award and was the National Federation of High Schools Association (NFHS) Official of the Year in Volleyball for the State of Illinois (2000). Currently, Barb is an officer with the Southern Illinois Volleyball Association (SIVOA).

This interview covers Maue's life as a volleyball official over a forty-plus year period. She discusses the challenges and duties facing a volleyball official, including licensing requirements, professional training, travel requirements, expenses, rule knowledge, and the mechanics of volleyball officiating. She examined key rules changes, including rally scoring, the use of the Libero, serve/receiver patterns, the let serve, and ball handling. The impact of school funding, student participation, quality of facilities, crowd control at games, and a shortage of volleyball official were also covered. Finally, Barb discusses the honor and excitement of working the state volleyball finals as a floor official, line judge, chair official, and coordinator from 1991-2016.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** volleyball officiating for Illinois high schools; volleyball rule changes over forty years; officiating during the Illinois state volleyball championships; training for volleyball officials

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