

John Billetz – 2015 Hall of Fame Inductee



John Billetz has been a staple in Idaho high school activities since his first job teaching and coaching at Gooding High School in 1976. Over his career as a teacher, coach, and administrator, he took three schools to their first state football playoff game and was a four-time District IV Coach of the Year. He was the president of the Fourth District Board of Control as well as a member of the IHSAA Board of Directors. He also served on four committees – records, football rules, coaches’ education, and network – for the NFHS. Billetz ended his career with an eight-year tenure as the Executive Director of the IHSAA.

During his time as Executive Director, Billetz made numerous lasting contributions to Idaho high school activities including increasing sponsorship from the United Dairymen of Idaho, requiring NFHS concussion training for all coaches and officials, as well as developing the standard for para-athletes to compete at the state track meet. He also implemented the “Spirit of Sport” and “Official of the Year” awards that are given out each year at the IHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet.