

Eaifo Connecticut Chapter Bill Riccio, Jr., Appointed to National Federation of State High School Association's Football Committee.

A 25-year member of the ECAC officiating staff has been appointed to a four-year term on the National Federation of State High School Association's football committee. Bill Riccio, Jr., a referee and member of the Connecticut Chapter of the EAIFO, was nominated to serve as the officials' representative. The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference, the ruling body for high school sports in the Nutmeg State, made the nomination. He will attend his first National Federation rules meeting the weekend of Jan. 20-21, 2007 in Indianapolis.

Riccio has been a member of the New Haven Football Officials Association since 1974 and its interpreter since 1983. He is a past president of the NHFOA, serving two terms, and has worked five state championship games and two semi-final contests. He serves as the Associate Interpreter for the Connecticut Football Officials Association, the governing body of state football officials.

He was a past-president of that group from 2000-2002. He is also the NCAA interpreter for the state's prep schools playing under that code, and the interpreter for the Connecticut Chapter of the EAIFO. As a member of the committee he will attend the national rules meeting in January and take part in the Federation's review of rules and guidelines for the sport.

Among his awards are: Official of the Year for the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame (1999), New Haven Gridiron Club Hall of Fame(2004) and the Vincent J. Reilly Award from the CFOA for contributions to officiating in Connecticut. He was accepted as a member of the EAIFO's Metro Chapter in 1981 and worked his first game for the ECAC in 1982. He did his first varsity game a year later. During his career, Riccio has worked a full schedule of varsity games for the ECAC since 1984 and was assigned to 10 NCAA Division III play-off games and 2 Northeast 10 Championship Games.

"This is a great opportunity for Connecticut officials, and I'm looking forward to it. I'm grateful to the CIAC for the nomination," he said.

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