

Dana Pappas – Short Bio

Dana Pappas was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, moving to Indiana in the Fall of 2021 to join the staff of the NFHS as their Director of Officiating Services. She began her professional career in July 1997 with the New Mexico Activities Association as the administrative assistant for boys' sports and officials. Dana was promoted to the position of Commissioner of Officials in 2004 and proudly served in that capacity until July 31, 2021, making her one of the longest tenured Commissioners of Officials in the country.

On August 1, 2021, Dana assumed the newly created role of Director of Officiating Services for the NFHS in Indianapolis. She describes this position as her “dream job,” where she can support and advocate for officials nationwide. In addition to her role with the NFHS, she is past Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Sports Officials and is the current Board Secretary. She also serves on the Sports Officials Care Board of Directors and Executive Board and is a member of the Battlefields to Ballfields Board of Directors, also serving as the chair of their Program Committee. Dana received the NFHS Citation for Contributions to Officiating in 2019 and was inducted into the New Mexico Officials Association Hall of Fame in 2022.

Dana and her husband, Ed Drangmeister, have been married for six years and currently reside in Lebanon, Indiana. The couple spend their free time taking road trips to live music and sporting events throughout the Midwest.