

Cope Award Winner



Barb Wallace

Toledo, Ohio

Barb became involved in track in 1975 when her children, Lisa, Mike & Kathy, ran for Whitmer High School. Since then, she has officiated many

meets, including track & field and cross country tournaments.

In recognition for her 25+ years of service, Barb was inducted into the Whitmer High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2001. In 2003, she received the Contributor Award from the NW District TOA & in 2009 earned the Distinguished Service Award for District 15 from the Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches. In 2010, she received the NFHS Official of the Year for Girls Cross Country for the NW District.

Barb is a 1956 graduate of Whitmer High School, retired school aid, and 30 year veteran of football ticket sales at her alma mater. She is also a past Treasurer of the NW District TOA and site coordinator for meets at Start High School. She is blessed with husband Frank, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

“The memorable moments of my officiating career are many, especially when I remember the athletes and other people I’ve met through the years. We are both honored to be recipients of the Fred E. Cope Award and are happy to be part of the OHSAA Officials Association.”