

David Boger (Pennsylvania)

Dave started his career in wrestling as an elementary student in 1970. He is still involved in wrestling, now as an official and a member of the AAU National Wrestling Committee Executive Board.

As an adult, Dave began coaching and officiating. He coached at Annville Elementary from 1985 until 1990, at Lancaster Catholic High School from 1993 to 1994, at Annville High School from 1995 to 2001, and at Middletown High School from 2005 to 2009. During this time he also started and coached the Lebanon Valley Wrestling Club, which had Freestyle, Greco-Roman, and Sombo styles of wrestling. He began officiating Freestyle, Greco and Sombo in 1988. Many tournaments later, Dave received national recognition when the AAU National Wrestling Committee named him International Style Official of the Year in 1995 and 1998. In 2000 he became the International Style Officials Chairman for the AAU National Wrestling Committee. He still serves in that position today.

As a member of the Middle Atlantic Wrestling Association from 1986 to the present time, Dave served as Freestyle Chair from 2001 to 2006. He also served as their treasurer from 2002-2006.

Some of Dave's responsibilities as an official included:

- Official coordinator/Head Official for AAU Ironman, AAU Grand Nationals and AAU Junior Olympics 2000-present
- Coordinator and Director U.S. Sombo Nationals 1993, 1994, and 1995
- Coordinator and Director Sombo Pan Am Team Trials 1993, 1994 and 1995
- Head Official Sombo Senior World Championships 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2001, 2003, 2004, and 2005
- Head Clinician Sombo Senior World Championships 1999, 2001, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005
- Head Official U.S. Sombo Nationals 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001 and 2002
- Head Official Pam Am Sombo Team Trials 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002

Dave feels that he has learned that wrestling is an individual sport, which takes a group effort. For that reason he would like to recognize Kurt Hernisen, his junior high coach and a high school official, Gary Reesor for showing him the technical side of teaching, training and coaching and for getting him started in officiating, Mort Gellar for being his mentor and forcing him to be a better official, and Jerry Petrofes and Wade Schalles for teaching him early in his coaching career the formula for success. He would also like to say a special thank you to his wife, Juanita, and his family for all their support and encouragement.