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42nd Annual Sports Officiating Summit July 28- July 30, 2024 Atlanta



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Julian Tackett
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Julian,

The 41st Sports Officiating Summit was a huge success thanks to you and your support. A record 100 Summit Support Organizations – you among them – made it happen.

- We had more than 400 Summit attendees.
- We had 72 different speakers for the sessions.
- 32 States were represented, including Hawaii and Alaska.
- 5 Foreign Countries were represented (England, New Zealand, Australia, Belgium and of course our many friends from Canada).
- At least 27 different sports were represented. That includes nine National Governing Bodies.

It was a true officiating melting pot.

- California leaders were pleased with the California State Day efforts. It was a great day, seeing organizations and leaders come together for the betterment of officiating and high school sports in California.
- The Gala was a huge hit as we celebrated NASO Medallion Award recipient The National Football League Referees Association and our Gold Whistle Award recipient Violet Palmer. The energy in the room was outstanding – fueled mostly by nearly two dozen of Violet’s family and friends!
- The Summit’s next stop is Atlanta, Ga., July 28-30, 2024. We had great planning meeting with Georgia High School Association leadership while in Riverside. The work begins. In fact, the GHSA already has hundreds of officials registered for 2024 Officiate Georgia Day as they made that option part of their normal officiating registration process. Very smart.

NASO is proud to be the catalyst for connecting officials, leaders, companies, governing bodies and other organizations – all with the common goal of supporting sports officials. In it is not a cliché to say we couldn’t do it without you. We take immense pride in the entire effort, and we know that you do too. The Summit has lasting impact.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta next year. Thank you for all you do and if you need anything from me personally or from NASO in general, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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