

Bob “Hawk” Hawkinson



“Hawk” has been involved in nearly every facet of the game for over three decades, but he really made a Hall of Fame career as an umpire.

Hawkinson has been the umpire-in-chief for over 50 national and state summer tournaments for the Amateur Softball Association. For the past 10 years, he has been the UIC for the Nebraska School Activities Association State championship tournament. And he has been the Umpire in Chief for Metro Omaha Softball since the organization started in 2003 as the Metro Omaha Softball umpire-in-chief.

For his service, Hawkinson was inducted into the ASA “Indicator fraternity” in 1993 and he was named to the “Elite Umpire Program” in 2004.

Hawkinson was also very involved in the growth of girls’ fast pitch softball in Nebraska. He was active on the committee that ultimately convinced the Nebraska School Activities Association to make softball a varsity sport in 1993. During that same time—when softball was a “club” sport at the high school level—he coached the team at Millard South High School for two seasons.

Hawk also played slow pitch softball for about 10 years. “I wasn’t great ball player, he said, “but I sure was dependable.”

When recalling his softball career, Hawkinson estimates he has been involved in some capacity in over 85,000 games.