

Screening



Committee

2015

Richard William Bavetta

Nominated as a Referee

Discussed for nomination in:

2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Served as an NBA Official for 39 consecutive years
- At the conclusion of the 2013-14 season, officiated 2,635 consecutive regular season games having never missed a game throughout his entire career
- Broke the NBA record for regular season games refereed at 2,135 on March 21, 2006
- Set the ironman record in professional sports officiating his 2,633rd consecutive game on April 2, 2014
- Officiated 27 NBA Finals games

Richard William Bavetta

Born: December 10, 1939 in Brooklyn, New York

• HIGH SCHOOL

- Power Memorial Academy (New York, NY)

• COLLEGE

- St. Francis College (Brooklyn, NY)
- New York Institute of Finance (New York, NY)

• OFFICIATING CAREER

- Public and Catholic High School League, NYC: 1966-1976
- Jersey Shore Basketball League: 1972-2007
- FIBA: 1980-1992
- Rucker Park Summer League: 1966-1986
- Eastern League/CBA: 1966-1975
- NBA: 1975-2014

• ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HONORS

- Officiated a record 2,635 consecutive regular season NBA games
- Officiated 270 career NBA playoff games in 29 consecutive seasons
- First NBA official to referee the Olympic Games (1992)
- Officiated 1989, 1995, and 2006 NBA All Star Games, as well as the 1997 McDonald's Championship in Paris
- Officiated the 1990 Japan Opening Games and 1993 Mexico Challenge
- First Supervisor of Officials for the CBA
- First Supervisor of Officials for the Jersey Shore Basketball League
- Enshrinee, New York City Catholic High School Hall of Fame (2000)
- Recipient, National Pro-Am Lifetime Achievement Award (2002)
- Enshrinee, New York City Basketball Hall of Fame (2012)
- In 1986, established and personally finances the Bavetta Scholarships for minority children looking to attend parochial high schools