GRAHAM ADAMS, OFFICIAL, PLAYER, COACH

Graham Adams has played, coached and officiated men's lacrosse. Playing upon his arrival in Michigan he added coaching and then officiating to his repertoire, all successfully. Graham officiated men's high school lacrosse for more than 30 years, from 1978 to 2009. Along the way he helped organize, recruit, and train many lacrosse officials.

Coming from Long Island, Graham played prep lacrosse at Cranwell Prep in Lenox Massachusetts. He was a founding member of the Detroit Lacrosse Club in 1978, played on the club in 1978-80. In 1980 he was the head coach at L'Anse Creuse HS and coached the DLC. He continued coaching the DLC through1984 and then Graham was head coach of the Detroit-Windsor Lacrosse Club from 1985-88. In 1988 Detroit-Windsor team won the Midwest Club Championship.

Graham also started officiating in 1978 and continued as he played and coached. He became a collegiate official in 1985, and continued in that capacity through 2009. Graham served as the Michigan high school assignor from 1987 through 1995, and has officiated 19 Michigan High School Championship Games. Graham was named Michigan Men's Referee of the Year in 1995. He was a founding member of the Michigan Lacrosse Officials Association (MichLOA), and served as president of that organization.

Graham is a charter member of U.S. Lacrosse, with membership number 404.

Officials and coaches alike regard Graham as deeply knowledgeable in the rules and as running a no-nonsense game. Given Graham's deep and varied experience in the sport, those conclusions are not surprising! Graham was instrumental in recruiting and training many of the better officials that we have had in the state. We celebrate Graham's more than three decades of participation in, and service to, lacrosse in Michigan and elsewhere.