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Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Names Bill Ek Supervisor of Men's Basketball Officiating

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has announced the hiring of **Bill Ek** as Supervisor of Men's Basketball Officiating, effective immediately.

In addition to the PAC, Ek also assigns for the NCAA Division III Ohio Athletic Conference, the NAIA American Mideast Conference and the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference, as well as for the Ohio Regional Campuses. In over 20 years of collegiate officiating experience, Ek's career highlights include officiating numerous NCAA Division III regional assignments along with a Final Four assignment in 2000. He has worked multiple post-season assignents in the Division I Mid American Conference, along with multiple championship games at the Division III and NAIA levels. He also worked in the PAC for multiple seasons.

Ek also had the opportunity to officiate the McDonald's All-American championship game which included **Lebron James** of the Cleveland Cavaliers. He has officiated five high school state championship games as a 25-year veteran of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Ek has officiated at over 20 camps and has been an instructor at more than 30 clinics throughout his career.

"The PAC is very pleased to hire Bill Ek as our new men's basketball officiating supervisor," said PAC executive director **Joe Onderko**. "In addition to his outstanding officiating skills and proven abilities as a supervisor, he is also a man of great integrity. I am very excited to be working with him as we look to improve the quality of men's basketball officiating in the PAC."

Founded in 1955, the Presidents' Athletic Conference continues its mission of promoting intercollegiate athletics and the pursuit of academic excellence. Consisting of 10 select private institutions in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, the PAC remains a unique organization in this day of high pressure intercollegiate athletics. With academics at the center of each member's philosophy, the PAC is built on the principle that an athletic program is a part of college life, but not an entity in itself.

The PAC annually crowns champions in 19 sports (10 men, nine women). In 2008-09, the PAC had 41 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 23 in NCAA championship events. PAC championship teams receive automatic qualification (AQ) status for most NCAA Division III national championship events.

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