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Jim McHugh is a 1971 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Loras College in 1975, where he was a four year letterman in football. Jim began his officiating career in 1967 working the church league basketball games at Palmer Park. An IHSA official for over 35 years, he also officiated college football for over 30 years. During those years he worked the high school and collegiate levels as well as the Chicago Prep Bowl.

Jim has served as the NFL Timer for the Chicago Bears for the past 30 years. During that time he has worked several NFL playoff games including two AFC Championship games. He was inducted as a Timer on the Big Ten Staff and worked both the 2013 and 2016 Big Ten Championship games.

In 2005, Jim along with Frank Lenti, Tim LeFevour and Bill Helmer developed the Preseason Prep Bowl Chicago High School Kick-off Classic in Soldier Field. The purpose of this event is to allow student athletes and their families the opportunity to play and experience the historic Soldier Field. These games have also created an opportunity to honor great teams of the past, allowing current student athletes to see some of the legends that came before them. The Kick-off Classic has been touted by the media as one of the top events annually for high school sports not only in the Chicago area but nationally as well.

Jim was inducted into the COA Hall of Fame in 2014, the Mt. Carmel Hall of Fame in 2009, the Chicago Catholic League Dan O’Brien Co-Man of the year in 2011 and received the Man in the Arena from Mt. Carmel High School in 2012.

Jim and his wife, Michelle, reside in Oak Forest, Il; they have four children, Jim – (Kelly), Tim – (Liz) Megan (Stu) and Mary. They are blessed with eleven grandchildren (Billy, Maggie, Timmy, Ella, Sean, Annie, Lorigan, Jimmy, Jane and Nolan).