



## JUDY STAMATIS

- **Waldorf School**
- **Cedarville University**
- **Team Handball, U.S. National Team**
- **H.S. and College Lacrosse Official**

Judy Stamatis is a Glen Cove native, who began her athletic career at the Waldorf School as a 3- sport athlete; playing field hockey, basketball and lacrosse; and a 2 – sport athlete at Cedarville University playing field hockey and basketball.

Always willing to accept new challenges, Judy became interested in the sport of Team Handball, earning a spot on the U.S. National Team. As a member of the team, she prepared for the 1980 Olympics, but the US boycott kept the team home. She continued with handball, becoming a player-coach for the Eastern Sports Festival Teams.

Judy began coaching the Varsity Field Hockey program at Miller Place in 1976 when she was hired to teach Physical Education. For the next 31 years she compiled a record of 493 (W), 35 (L), and 65 (T). The wins included 31 consecutive Division Championships, 16 Suffolk County Championships, 13 Long Island and 5 NY State Titles. She was a nominee for National Coach of the Year and is currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in New York State for most wins as a Field Hockey coach.

Judy kept her love of sports alive by becoming a varsity women's official for field hockey, basketball and lacrosse. She took over the Suffolk Women's Lacrosse Officials organization after the

first year she officiated in 1994. As President and Rules Interpreter with only 5 officials she organized; advertized and trained officials, turning this group into one of the best organizations in Suffolk County with over 100 members. She holds a National Rating in lacrosse which allows her to work Division I games, and has been ranked as the number 1 official for 19 of the past 19 years at the High School Level. As a College officials she has worked games for Northwestern, Notre Dame, UConn; Stony Brook, UMass, ect. She has been asked to be a Head Rater during the National Tournament by the National Organization, helping rate and evaluate College Officials. She has done a DI playoff game for Syracuse and several DII semi finals. There were many committees she served on to further Lacrosse at the State level, but she feels proudest for the volunteer work she has done to help train local coaches and parents that needed help with the rules.

Judy has previously been inducted into the Hall of Fame at Cedarville University, Miller Place High School and the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame (2008) class.