

North Dakota Soccer Hall of Fame 2016

Larry Schwartz



Larry has had a fantastic soccer career in servicing the ND soccer programs. He coached, a referee, referee instructor and mentor, many administration positions, and received many awards from coach's fans, and his peers. He was born, raised and still lives in Bismarck.

He began his service in about 1984 through his retirement in 2007 for about 23 years of service. Larry officiated over 1600 games in his 23 years of service.

He started as a coach with the Bismarck Soccer League (BSL) in about 1984

coaching his son for 4 years from 2nd grade through 5th grade.

Started as a referee FIFA grade 8 in 1986 and became a grade 7 in 1992. Larry was registered as a referee in 1995 when the North Dakota High School Activities Association included soccer in their sanctioned sports. Also became a college (NISOA) referee in 1995. He did local schools, clubs, and college games until he retired in 2007. Larry also became a soccer referee instructor in 1987 and instructed through 2007.

Administration positions he held was BSL Vice President from 1986 – 1989, the first President of the North Dakota chapter National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association (NISOA) from 1995 – 2002, State Referee Administrator (SRA) 1991 – 2007. Referee assigner for all the local schools, tournaments and the University of Mary.

Larry was honored to be assigned many state high school tournaments and local and out of state tournaments. He also went to 2 regional tournaments in Sioux Falls, SD and 2 Olympic Development Clinics in Ames, IA.

Larry received the following awards and commendations:

-“Award of Excellence” in 2002 from Capital City Soccer for organizing and assigning referees for tournaments.

-“Golden Whistle” in 2005 from the Indoor Soccer Association for tireless dedication to the soccer community.

-“Girls High School Referee of the Year” in 1995 from the NDYSA.