

2011 MYSA Young Male Referee of the Year- Tyler Dalsin

Tyler began playing soccer at the age of 4, began refereeing at 10, and began coaching at the age of 16. As a referee, his biggest asset is his willingness to learn and improve. He takes one thing from each game as a learning experience and a motivator for improvement on his next game. Tyler can be seen officiating for Eden Prairie, MYSA State Tournament, Midwest Regional League and MYSA State Cup. When representing Minnesota at the Boys ODP Regional Camp, he was so impressive that he was selected to officiate the 93 Boys Final. Tyler is also a part of the Eden Prairie Referee Mentorship program, coaches a girls' team and continues to play on the Eden Prairie U18 C1 team. When he's not on the field, Tyler is often spotted at the Minnesota Star's games observing referees at the highest level. Tyler's involvement doesn't stop at soccer. He volunteers with many service organizations including Mary's Place, Books for Africa, Feed My Starving Children and tutors 4th graders. Tyler is an extremely hard worker and someone his peers look up to.

2011 MYSA's Administrator of the Year- Nancy Driano

Nancy has been involved in the Fairmont Soccer Association for the past 12 years. Prior to becoming the club president in 2005, she wore many hats including coach, concession stand manager and program coordinator. The first thing Nancy did as president was move their in-house program from a co-ed program to a separate girls and boys program. The number of girl's participation shot up and surpassed the boys. Nancy also led their association to its MYSA membership. She also has helped soccer become a high school sport that is completely managed and financed by the association. Nancy plays a big role in fundraising and grant writing for the association. She has built relationships with city administrators resulting in an upgrade to the soccer complex. She also fulfills her love of the game by watching her three children who all play. In Fairmont, soccer has quickly grown into the most popular sport, thanks to the dedication and leadership from Nancy.

2011 MYSA Volunteer of the Year- Roxanne Pavek

Roxanne has been involved with the Eagan Wave Soccer Club for seven years. She has been team manager, coach, event coordinator, team transportation driver, meal planner, apparel designer and a mom to three Eagan Wave soccer players. She volunteers her time at the club level as a uniform and website advisor and helps out at the club's annual tournament. Roxanne's planned events and activities create team camaraderie and stitch-tight chemistry. Her out-of-town scavenger hunts are legendary. Roxanne started doing concussion baseline testing well before it was required. She shows why bringing superior organization, a positive attitude and giving it all you got, will create unbelievable results. Because of her, soccer is fun for everyone involved.

2011 MYSA Recreation Girls Coach of the Year- Ashley Cosentino

Ashley has gone above and beyond your typical rec coach for the Coon Rapids Soccer Club. She took on coaching two age groups, which put her on the fields four nights a week. Ashley also stepped up as the Mini Soccer Director for the 2011 summer program and U6 Recreation Director. Ashley has received her MYSA Y Module Certificate and is eager to move forward with the E certificate. Every step of the way, she has been very organized and willing to do whatever she can to help kids play soccer. You will never hear her complain but usually asking what more she can do. Ashley has an overwhelmingly energy and enthusiasm for the game of soccer.

2011 MYSA Recreation Boys Coach of the Year- Dennis Sovich.

Dennis has been dedicated in helping the Coon Rapids Soccer Association recreation program grow over the last 8 years. He has gone through many stages within the club as a board member, a Rec Age Group Director, rec coach and manager. Dennis's sportsmanship is respected and encouraged through his players and peers. Many times he will coach more than one team and is the most requested coach within the recreation program. Dennis has an undying love for soccer and it shows in how he coaches his players and works with the parents.

2011 MYSA Girls Competitive Coach of the Year- Brian Boyd

Brian has developed a core group of girls from Hopkins Dynamo from a C3 to a C1 team who placed second in the district this past season. The team also won the MYSA OATHS award which honors players, coaches and spectators who exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the season. Brian demands his players play with dignity and fairness He is incredibly patient but he maintains a very high level of expectation when it comes to development. Each player is given a very thorough evaluation with goals to work on. Brian has an extremely effective way of offering advice to the players, whether it is complimenting them or suggesting improvement opportunities. His guidance is always given in a positive, clear manner and usually with a smile.

2011 MYSA Boys Competitive Coach of the Year- Abdirizak Said

Said has been coaching in Minnesota for 15 years. Prior to that, he played professionally in his home country of Somali. Said is not only a coach but also is the founder of the Somali Youth Enrichment Club which is devoted to getting intercity children to play soccer. This past season, Said coached two teams, U17 and U14 boys' teams, in addition to his duties at the club level. Said has his C license and is constantly enhancing his education by watching videos and attending clinics. His coaching philosophy is to play together as a team, play hard and reach your ultimate potential while having fun. Said is able to give kids from the intercity an opportunity to play soccer at a high level and he has become a leader and role model both on and off the field.