

US Youth Soccer selects Michigan Youth as the National Young Referee of the Year

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US Youth Soccer announces the selection of Wixom Resident, Eric Siegrist as The National Young Male Referee of the Year. The Young Referee of the Year recipients are awarded for their dedication to the game, their outstanding personal accomplishments, serving as role models to other youth referees and players, and for their excellence as recognized by their adult referee peers and mentors.

Through the Young Referee of the Year program, US Youth Soccer helps foster the development of referees for the future of soccer in the United States. Many of the leagues around the country would not be able to cover their games but not for the involvement of youth referees

Siegrist was also selected as the Michigan Young Male Referee of the Year by Michigan Youth Soccer Association and the Region II Young Male Referee of the Year winner. Rachelle Taylor, referee assignor for CW3 Soccer Association was instrumental in the nomination process for Eric.

Eric has played soccer for over 12 years and is entering his fifth year as a soccer official. Eric has refereed for the Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL), CW3 Recreational League, Michigan State Premier Soccer Program (MSPSP), Michigan Director's Academy, Midwest Regional League (MRL), Michigan State Cup Quarter Finals and Finals, Midwest Developmental League (MDL), Michigan State Developmental Soccer League (MSDSL), The Border Stars Tournament, The Canton Cup, and The Jaguars Invitational and is also a legacy official for MHSAA and has refereed games for Walled Lake Consolidated School District.

"I am very grateful for this incredible honor. I love the sport of soccer, and I love the challenge that officiating presents me with. I have met so many incredible people, and I have learned so much."

Eric is from Wixom, Michigan and currently a Junior at Walled Lake Central High School. He is the President of the Model United Nations Club, a member of the Mock Trial Team, Spanish Club Public Relations Officer and highly involved in his community. He is a volunteer for Oakland County Teen Court.

Siegrist will be honored at the US Youth Soccer Awards Gala in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Eric will also be recognized as the Michigan Young Male Referee of the Year in Midland MI in March.