



Washington State Referee Committee

Subject: Letter to nominate Mrs. Betty (Elizabeth) Schmeck for a Lifetime USSF member
USSF Registration Number: 0010-2281-1103-8880

Mrs. Betty (Elizabeth) Schmeck has served Washington State, Region IV and US Soccer for nearly 30 consecutive years in various capacities such as referee, instructor, assessor, assignor, and administrator. She is well known for her services in the referee community in the State of Washington as well as nationally.

As Player, Adult Administrator: In the inaugural season of the Washington State Women's Soccer Association (WSWSA) in 1973, Betty played on the Renton Mudders. This was one of the nine original teams to form the Washington State Adult Soccer Association (WSASA). She also served on the WSWSA board from 1975 through 1982 in various chairs, secretary, rules, district commissioners, and referee coordinator. During the last five years that she played, she played on both over 30 and over 40 teams. Betty retired from the field in 1988 before the league had an over 50 league.

As Referee: Betty was first registered as a referee in 1986 and had upgraded to State Referee by 1993, at the time one of six only women to hold a State Referee badge. Currently Betty is registered as grade 15 Emeritus referee. In 1991 Betty was assigned as AR on Seattle Storm FC vs Vancouver, a men's professional match. Betty Represented WA at the Far West Youth Regional tournaments 1987 - 2001 either as a referee and/or assessor. Betty was invited as a guest referee at Alaska State Cup and Montana State Cup. For 1995 and 1999, Betty was invited to serve as both a referee and referee mentor to a Special Olympian referee and attended the Special Olympics World Games.

As Assignor: First registered as an assignor in 1986, Betty was one of the original six registered assignors in Washington State and continues to assign today. Other highlights of her assigning role include; first assigned at the club, association level for two years, then assigned at the state level, 1991 to 1996. Assigned the Region IV ODP camps 1991 to 1996. Assigned the National level both the Adult Soccer Veterans Cup and Masters Football Cup. Assigned the Alaska Youth State Cup for SYRA.

As Instructor: Betty was first registered as an instructor in 1988 and upgraded to State Instructor in 2001. As a State Instructor Betty was also appointed as assignor/instructor and asked to teach as guest instructor at clinics in many of the Region IV States. Betty was frequently a guest instructor in Alaska, Montana, Oregon, and Hawaii. Betty also taught at clinics throughout Washington State on numerous occasions, plus at a USASA National Workshop.

As Assessor: Betty was first registered as an assessor in 1993, then upgraded to State Assessor in 1994, at the time being only one of twenty-four women in US Soccer to hold a State Assessor badge.

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As Administrator: In addition to the previously mentioned administrative roles with WSWSA Betty served Washington State as:

- State Youth Referee Administrator (1991 – 1996)
- Chair of the State Referee Committee (1996 – 1999)
- State Referee Administrator, at the time the only female SRA in Region IV and one of two in the US (1999 -2013)
- Served on a State High School committee to promote recruitment and retention of sports officials in Washington State.
- National NISOA instructor and assessor
- Served on a National Committee in developing the USSF referee registration data base

Awards (that I know about, I think there are many others):

2000 Washington State Youth Soccer Association Hall of Fame

2008 Washington State Adult Soccer Association Hall of Fame

2014 Washington State Adult Soccer Association Life Time Member

As Mentor: Betty can proudly claim being a mentor to and supporting some of Washington's past and recent crop of top referees – such as former National Referees Scott Lawrence and Will Niccolls, current National Joshua Wilkens and PRO Jeff Hosking.

Based on Mrs. Schmeck's years of extensive service and unselfish contribution to soccer refereeing, assigning, instructing, assessing and administration, as well as impressive awards, I nominate **Mrs. Betty (Elizabeth) Schmeck** to be a candidate for US Soccer Federation Lifetime membership.

Sincerely



Jim Kritzberg – State Referee Administrator

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