



Congratulations to Jim Kritzberg, Regional Referee, Regional Assessor, Regional Instructor and Referee Administrator for Washington State

Selected by US Soccer as a USSF Lifetime Member.

Jim's Story 1985 - Present

Jim Kritzberg started as a referee in 1985 (California North) as his youth coaching was coming to an end due to SF Bay Area commute and very frequent domestic and international travel for work. This allowed for a few games (local adult) as referee in Hungary and Saudi Arabia. As his adult player "career" was coming to an end, he upgraded State Referee (now Regional) in 1996. His last assessment was to be the legendary Fernando Alvarez however one of the teams didn't show. He first met Brian Hall before moving to Colorado.

"Bribed" by work to transfer to Colorado in 1997. In Colorado until 2002, and again with very frequent domestic and international travel for work, was selected for Far West Regionals as a referee from 1999 through 2002. He became a Referee Instructor while there, attended "Esse" Baharmast's 1998 World Cup sendoff party.

Again "Bribed" by work to transfer to Washington 2002. He continued the very frequent domestic and international travel for work. Twice in Iraq as Reconstruction Project IT Manager, this time not allowed to referee local games.

While in Washington he has received the following awards, recognitions, upgrades, and positions:

2003 - Referee at Far West Regionals representing Washington

2007 - Became an Assessor (Boise, ID Clinic)

2007 - Became President of the Tri-Cities Soccer Referee Association.

2007 - Assessor/Mentor at Far West Regionals representing Washington. He has been to just about every Regionals / Presidents Cup since including once at Nationals as Head of Delegation.

2009 - Received the Washington Adult Referee of the Year award

2009 - Received the USASA Region IV Adult Referee of the Year award

2010 - Became a State (Now Regional) Assessor (Atlanta, GA Clinic)

2010 - Downgraded to State Emeritus Referee due to serious health scare.

2011 - Became a State (Now Regional) Instructor. Good ole ITIP. (Lake Placid, NY and Colorado Springs, CO clinics)

2011 - Received the U.S. Soccer Lifetime Member award

2011 - Retired from work

2011 - 2013 served as State Director of Instruction for Washington

2011, 2012 served as Region IV ODP Camp Referee Administrator

2012 - 2013 worked with the team of Werner Henn, Ken Robertson, Phoebe Russell (& Michael Day of Texas) to bring up our current WASRC Administration System

2013 to Present - Serves as the current State Referee Administrator for Washington

2011 to Present - Almost always asked to present at the U.S. Soccer Referee Workshops and Region IV State Referee Administrator Workshops