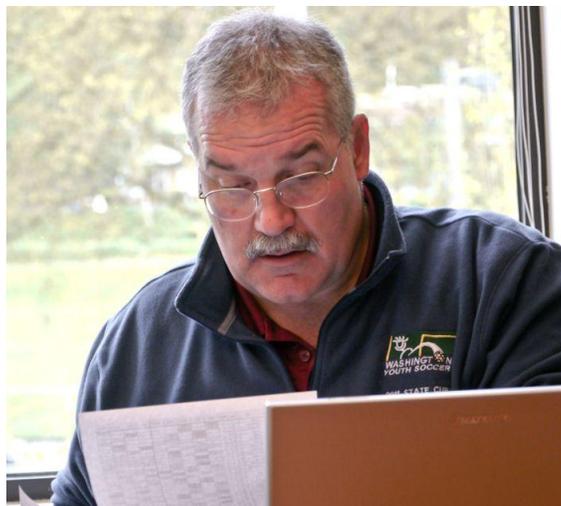


## Roberto Alvarez is the WSASA Adult Referee of the Year



Grew up in Mexico City; played the game since I could run. Became a goalkeeper at age 12. Played for my school through HS, and was equivalent of grade 8 referee in Federacion Mexicana de Futbol.

Came to US for university and played for Lewis & Clark College.

After graduating, returned to Mexico City for a few years before returning to the US; got sidetracked into cross-country skiing and competed internationally for five years including 2 Olympic games. Retired from that after messing up my knees.

Played a bit off and on, but got involved again once our kids started playing - first as volunteer Mod referee, then officially as USSF Grade 8 ref in 1999. Quickly became grade 7 and then 6. Also became a NISOA ref.

Knees, already poor, were taking a beating; limited further "upward mobility", so I decided to focus on other areas I could help.

Became Instructor, then assignor, then assessor (I think).

Together with Derek Gallichotte, dragged Seattle Soccer Referee Association into the internet age in 2002. Created the [seattlerefs.org](http://seattlerefs.org) website, still webmaster today.

Was SRC Secretary 2000-2001. Helped Stan Melo and then Mo ZK create, improve and really grow the State Cup semi-finals referee events into a key training event every year. Then became Assistant SYRA to Linda Velie (2002-2004). Helped her run the ref selection process for State Cup and Regionals team. Was webmaster for WASRC.org site for several years; would like to think I improved most functions.

Became SYRA in 2004 and ran that program till 2011. In that time, turned 1 semifinals camp weekend and some training events into a full program that included 5 annual State Cup academies for referees at varying skill levels; a very competitive selection process for referees trying to represent the state at Far West Regionals; and an average of 2-3 referees from WA selected to National level Youth events every year. You might call it a regional powerhouse or you might not - up to you. But important to highlight that Suzanne Lambalot was integral part of the team as my Assistant SYRA and "referee mom".

Assignor at all levels - started as club assignor for Capitol Hill Soccer Club in Seattle, then Seattle Youth Soccer, then Liga Hispana and Puget Sound Premier League (now SPSL), as SYRA assigned State Cups. Named LAC for US Soccer in Summer 2012, now assign top levels of play in WA below the MLS and

NWSL - MLS Reserve, PDL, W-league, DA and EPLWA. Assigned Generation Adidas Cup 2012 (top DA teams and Pro prospects).

Became Assessor and then State Assessor. Represented WA at Regional and National events since 2003. Was Region IV head of delegation for 2010 National Presidents Cup finals. Still assessing USSF and NISOA.

Recognized by Seattle Sounders FC with Golden Scarf award in 2010. I blame Levi Rippey for nominating me. Was unable to attend golden scarf because of Presidents Cup tournament.

As LAC, focused on developing the next wave of MLS referees from WA. Get lots of satisfaction coaching refs, seeing them develop and reach their potential. Plan on continuing to do so.

Worked/volunteered at multiple international matches in Seattle area as referee liaison and/or team liaison -

- Concacaf Women's Gold Cup/World Cup Qualifiers 2002

- Celtic v Chelsea 2003

- Celtic v Man U2005

- Several Mexican League exhibition matches 2002-2008

- Mexico v China 2009 Concacaf Gold Cup 2009 and 2013

Original assignor for All Nations Cup 2005 & 2007

Assignor for Region IV Presidents Cup in Tri-Cities 2009