

**IYSA & ISRC  
District and State  
Annual Awards Recognition Categories**

**Referee of the Year Award (W. John Denkmann Referee of the Year Award)**

This award honors a referee that is regarded as professional in appearance, dependable, consistent in performance, has a positive attitude toward players and team officials. This referee has a high impact on referee development through mentoring or administrating referees. This referee must have a considerable amount of experience on the field.

**Young Referee of the Year Award (Girls/ Boys)**

The recipient of this award should be a Grade 8 Official. The young male and female that receives this award is professional in appearance, dependable, consistent in performance, has a positive attitude toward players and team officials. This young referee must be a role model both on and off of the playing field. They also give that extra effort to the game of soccer.

**Thoughtful Comment of Recommendation:**

NEISRA would like to nominate Andrew Bigelow for the Referee of the Year Award. Andrew has been refereeing since middle school. He has graduated from Manchester College and returned to the community to teach history at Dekalb High School.

While in college he played soccer for four years, represented NCAA at a leadership conference in Orlando FL, was president of the school's chapter of National Education Association for two years and was it's representative at a NEA conference in Washington D.C.

Since returning to Auburn, Andrew has coached in the boys middle school program has worked as a volunteer coach for the Dekalb High School boys team.

Andrew's experiences as a soccer referee have included:

Recreation games

Rec + games

Travel games

Cup finals ...several years

Amateur games

High school games

College games

Became a state referee in 2005

Went to regionals in 2005 and 2006

Went to nationals in 2006

Andrew is an honorable, conscientious, and well respected referee. We would like to nominate Andrew Bigelow for the W. John Denkmann Referee of the Year Award.