

Steve Nath

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For many adults, the path that leads to soccer is laid out through their children, and Steve is no different. Steve first dipped his toe in the water by volunteering to referee when his daughter started playing in 1993. He fell in love with the game and never looked back. Steve has held some of the most influential board positions in the state of Oklahoma soccer community and beyond.

Steve, originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, graduated from Edmond Memorial High School and went on to graduate with a geology degree from Baylor University. Both of Steve's daughters Jennifer and Hayley, played soccer at the Edmond Soccer Club and he now has a granddaughter playing on a team coached by mom and dad.

Steve has been involved in many levels of the beautiful game, most notably:

1998 Steve was instrumental in bringing the US Youth Soccer Southern Regional Tournament to Oklahoma.

2000 – 2003 Steve served as 1st Vice President/ODP. The Olympic Development Program grew 30% under his leadership.

2003 – 2006 Steve was elected President of the Youth Division and served as a member of the Board of Directors for Region III.

2006 Steve served as State Youth Referee Administrator where he was responsible for program development.

Soccer in Oklahoma continues to reap the benefits of having Steve at the helm. Sometimes leadership requires creativity and in-sight, and when Steve had the vision to develop the Oklahoma Premier League, it was the start of something more powerful than anyone imagined. It was cutting edge and inspired many other State Associations to follow suit. Steve also developed the Presidents Cup and the club player pass.

Steve sees a lot of potential in working with the professional teams in Oklahoma as they develop youth and professional clubs within Oklahoma. "The resources and expertise they can bring to the table will benefit OSA and soccer in general in Oklahoma".

For the soccer generations to come Steve would say, "Continue to build upon the success of the players, coaches, referees, and administrators that came before you. Always question if doing things the same old way and be open to new and different ideas. Most of all remember it's a game and enjoy yourself."