

Milo Slater

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Look up "referee" in any dictionary and you will find two things: 1. Ref-er-ee, an official who watches the game or match closely to ensure that the rules are adhered to and to arbitrate on matter arising from the play. AND 2. A picture of Milo Slater (also known as the one-name-wonder MILO).

Milo was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He graduated from McClain High School, attended the University of Tulsa and married his high school sweetheart Patty. His children, Shawn and Brandy, both played soccer and are, in fact, responsible for Milo's initiation to the game. Patty came home from enrolling Shawn on a team, and she was told they needed someone to referee in order for Shawn to play. "Tag. You're it." And so, Milo's soccer career began.

Milo has been a key figure in developing and supporting all aspects of soccer in the State of Oklahoma. He's held the position of Club President, Area Referee, State Director of Assessors, State Referee, State Assessor, NISOA College National Referee and National Assessor. Milo and Patty also sat on the committee which founded the Oklahoma Premier League.

Milo's greatest contribution to the game has been his ability to provide other referees a different perspective to the game by giving them options on handling situations. "I tell people the reason I believe that I am a good assessor is as a referee I have made every mistake that can be made. The difference between me and others is that I learned from my mistakes."

Milo's words of wisdom for the upcoming soccer generations are simple, "Work hard, prepare, train, educate yourself, find a mentor and follow them. Watch and learn from others whether good or bad."