

Ryan Cigich

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Ryan is a Jenks High School and Northeastern State University graduate. He played for Jenks Soccer Club and that's where his referee career launched. He began refereeing a Jenk Soccer Club when each team was required to provide referees. He grabbed a few of his teammates and went to the 08 Referee course. Cigich has since ascended to the level of National Referee (Emeritus).

Ryan has officiated nearly 2,000 youth, amateur and professional matches since 1986. including more than 700 at the collegiate level. Cigich's referee experiences are vast and monumental.

Some of the many areas he has participated in are:

- NCAA National Coordinator of Soccer Officiating
- US Soccer National Referee
- US Soccer National Assessor
- MLS Referee Coach
- MISL Director of Officials
- Region III Referee Administrator
- President of Eastern Oklahoma Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association
- OSSAA Rules Interpreter and High School Assignor
- ISOA National Referee
- Sooner Athletic Conference Assignor
- Oklahoma Soccer Association Board Member
- Area Referee at Jenks Soccer Club

Cigich attributes his success to those individuals who helped and counselled him along the way. He feels that one of his greatest contributions to the game is giving back, mentoring and providing opportunities for other referees just as his mentors did for him. Some of the mentors and encouragers in his referee career include Milo Slater, Richard Brook, Russell Staurovsky, Paul Scott, Gus Colessides, Steve Siomos, Wayne Ewing, and Ed Michaud.

Among Ryan's many professional achievements and accomplishments he is also a graduate of Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. He currently lives in Chicago and is a Worldwide account Manager with FedEx.