

NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

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On behalf of the selection committee, I am proud to announce Kyle O'Grady from Rockland Westchester ISOA as the Week 1 Winner of the 2023 Terry Vaughn NISOA Referee of the Week presented by Official Sports.

Kyle resides in Thiells, New York; he was nominated by RWISOA Chapter President, Kevin Rodrigo based on his professionalism on & off the field and his performances on the field during this 2-week nomination period.

In Kevin's words:" Kyle has been officiating collegiate soccer for over five years and has consistently demonstrated a strong knowledge of the rules and a fair and impartial approach to the game. He has been appointed to several high-profile matches in all divisions and has received positive feedback from coaches, players, assignors, and fellow officials. Kyle has always been described by fellow referees as friendly, approachable, knowledgeable, and joyful. Kyle brings a pleasant energy to the field and classroom."

"With RWISOA, Kyle has volunteered his time to the chapter since his first initiation as the Website Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator. He continues to hold those positions but now also serves as the RWISOA Treasurer on the Chapter's Board of Directors, while stepping into an unofficial role as a Liaison to Referee Assignors on behalf of the RWISOA membership."

"When NISOA national came to the area, Kyle was one of the first members of the chapter to offer his assistance in the recent summit held at Fordham University. Kyle's outstanding performance as a referee, combined with his off-field contributions to the sport, organization, and local chapter make him an excellent candidate for the Terry Vaughn Referee of the Week Award. Just like Terry Vaughn himself, Kyle has been a true ambassador to the referee community. He works every game with the utmost professionalism and integrity expected."

During this nomination period, Kyle officiated 5 matches at the NCAA Division I and Division III level in the Referee and Assistant Referee position.

Kyle joined NISOA in 2018 and was awarded the New Referee Award by RWISOA in that same year. He currently serves as Chapter Treasurer and continues to assist in his local area by helping open the door to other talented referees in the area to become collegiate soccer officials. Most recently in 2022, Kyle was appointed to conference tournaments such as Big East, MAAC, ECC, and the Little East Conference, officiating the final between Western Connecticut State vs. UMASS Boston.

When not refereeing, Kyle is a dedicated high school social studies teacher.

Congratulations Kyle,

Lance VanHaitsma NISOA Senior Director of Operations

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