

**Kevin Vasquez: Oregon Youth Soccer Association**  
**Young Male Referee of the Year**



U.S. Soccer Referee

OYSA congratulates Kevin Vasquez, a U.S. Soccer referee, on his selection as the OYSA Young Male Referee of the Year and looks forward to seeing him continue his development as a talented young referee.

Kevin said this about refereeing, soccer, and his interests and plans:

“One of the reasons I love to referee is because it helps me look at the game differently. I have been a referee for a little over three years. I do play soccer; I have been playing since I was 14 years old. In fact, I made my own indoor team...but it is on hold for now. When I happen to get a hold of a little bit of free time, I like to snowboard or hang out with my friends, head downtown at night and either go for a run or ride the electric scooters.

My plan after I graduated from high school was to start working towards making it into the Portland Timbers team and to save up as much money as I can so I can travel. Some places I am hoping to go within the next couple of years are Mexico, Spain, Hawaii, and Greece – so far, I have my trip to Mexico planned.

I have volunteered at my old school doing summer school to help teach kids different topics, which I did for about 4-5 summers. My current job has kept me busy, working 6 days a week since May and hitting over 100 hours in under 6 days. In October, when soccer games started back up again, I refereed on my day off from my other job – for a couple months I was working 7 days a week.

I graduated from Centennial High School in 2019, and I played Varsity for 3 years, making it into the First Team All-State. My positions were left midfield and center back, which I preferred more. My senior year was a special one for me because we went undefeated at home throughout preseason and regular

season. Finally, one of my recent accomplishments was getting a final [assignment] for ODP on my second time going [as a referee].”