

A silver trophy cup is the central focus, tilted slightly to the right. The background is a vibrant yellow, decorated with numerous small, circular gold confetti dots and several silver star-shaped cutouts of varying sizes. The trophy has a wide, flared top and a slender stem with a circular base. The lighting creates bright highlights and reflections on the metallic surface of the trophy.

**“Of the Year” Nomination Forms
Must be submitted by April 30, 2025, for consideration**

We encourage you to take a moment to recognize the individuals who dedicate their time and talents to serving your organization. Meaningful recognition can have a profound impact, especially for volunteers who give so much to support our programs and our children.

Before submitting your nomination, please take a moment to carefully read the description for each award to ensure you are selecting the correct form for your nominee.

Submitting a thoughtful and complete nomination form is essential, as incomplete forms will not be reviewed by the committee. Please ensure your responses are detailed and reflective of the nominee's contributions—they deserve more than a brief mention.

Honorees for the 2024-2025 season will be celebrated at the 2025 North Texas Soccer AGM on July 19, 2025, at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Your nomination could be the encouragement that inspires someone to continue making a difference in our soccer community.

Thank you for your time and effort in recognizing those who make North Texas Soccer exceptional!

Administrator of the Year

The Administrator of the Year award is given to a paid member of a soccer association, soccer club, or soccer team. The application should include documentation of how the person supports the soccer mission and the players and meets the following requirements:

1. The candidate must be affiliated with an active North Texas Soccer association/club in good standing; How and when did the nominated administrator get involved with soccer? What impact has his/her work had on the local association? Has the nominee been active within the community? What other activities, aside from soccer, is the administrator involved in?
2. Candidate must have an outstanding record of participation; What steps has the administrator taken to further advance the game? Does the administrator participate in the game outside his or her position as an administrator (i.e. playing, coaching, or refereeing)? Has the administrator created relationships within the community to promote the game?
3. The candidate should be an excellent role model for the community soccer and beyond; Has the nominee been active within the community? What other activities, aside from soccer, is the administrator involved in? How has the nominated administrator serviced the existing membership? What steps has he/she taken to increase membership? What significant projects has he/she created and implemented?
4. Candidate should have favorable relations with other members of the North Texas Soccer community.

Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year award is given to a volunteer member of a soccer association, soccer club, or soccer team. The application should include documentation of how the person supports the soccer mission and the players and meets the following requirements:

1. was a volunteer for a State Association or a member of a State Association;
2. is an excellent role model for the community beyond soccer;
3. has favorable relations with other members of the soccer community;
4. demonstrates a willingness to promote players and soccer;
5. is a positive role model for all volunteers;
6. is of sound moral and ethical character;
7. through participation, has increased the opportunities for others to participate in soccer;
8. has not previously received national or other significant recognition from US Youth Soccer for contributions to soccer, but is well known in his or her community and is a true hero of grassroots soccer;
9. has not received any compensation for the volunteer efforts.

Coach of the Year

The **Coach of the Year** award is given to a coach within a member soccer association (recreational) or soccer club (competitive). The application should include documentation of how the person supports the soccer mission and the players and meets the following requirements.

1. coached for at least one season during the seasonal year immediately prior to the seasonal year for which the individual is being nominated;
2. is coaching during the seasonal year for which the nomination is being made; and
3. coached and is coaching for a member association (recreational) or club/team (competitive)

- **Competitive Coach of the Year is for coaches coaching 11U – 19U Competitive teams**

[Boys Competitive Coach of the Year](#)

Coaches that coach a Boys Competitive Team 11U – 19U

[Girls Competitive Coach of the Year](#)

Coaches that coach a Girls Competitive Team 11U – 19U

- **Recreational Coach of the Year is for coaches coaching 4U – 19U Recreational or Academy teams**

[Boys Recreational Coach of the Year](#)

Coaches that coach Boys Recreational Team 4U – 19U

Coaches the coach Boys Academy team 7U – 10U

[Girls Recreational Coach of the Year](#)

Coaches that coach Girls Recreational Team 4U – 19U

Coaches the coach Girls Academy team 7U – 10U

What is TOPSoccer

US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, who has a mental or physical disability.

The [TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year](#) award is given to an individual engaged in supporting a TOPSoccer program and for extraordinary accomplishments in carrying out the TOPSoccer mission. The application should include documentation of how the person supports the TOPSoccer program, events, and activities and meets the following requirements:

1. has demonstrated patience, understanding, dependability, flexibility, and ability to adjust to ever-changing on-field situations;
2. has proven to be an invaluable volunteer who facilitates the Program by filling many roles, including being a coach, a cheerleader, a role model, and assisting when needed with administrative responsibilities;
3. has provided support, engaged players one-on-one, and modeled desired behavior in group play or off to the side of group play; and
4. is cognizant of player safety while assisting, guiding, directing, and teaching the game of soccer and its skills, and creating a fun and learning experience.

[TOPSoccer Buddy of the Year](#)

The [TOPSoccer Coach of the Year](#) is given to an individual engaged in coaching within a TOPSoccer program and for extraordinary accomplishments in carrying out the TOPSoccer mission. The application should include documentation of how the person supports the TOPSoccer program, events, and activities and meets the following requirements:

1. Has demonstrated patience, understanding, dependability, flexibility, and ability to adjust to ever-changing on-field situations;
2. Has proven to be an invaluable volunteer who facilitates the Program by filling many roles, including being a coach, a cheerleader, a role model, and an administrator.
3. Has provided leadership and support,
4. Is cognizant of player safety while, guiding, directing, teaching the game of soccer and its skills, and creating a fun and learning experience.

[TOPSoccer Coach of the Year](#)

Young Female and Male Referee of the Year

The **Young Referee of the Year** award is given to a young referee who personifies fairness and leadership. The application should include documentation of how the person supports the soccer mission and the players and meets the following requirements.

1. Candidate must be affiliated with an active North Texas Soccer Member Association in good standing;
2. Candidate must have an outstanding record of participation;
3. Candidate should be an excellent role model for the community beyond soccer;
4. Candidate should have favorable relations with other members of the North Texas Soccer community;
5. Did not reach 19 years of age prior to August 1 immediately before the beginning of the seasonal year for which the individual is being nominated.

[Young Female Referee of the Year](#)

[Young Male Referee of the Year](#)

Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Must be submitted by April 30, 2025, for consideration

1. Nominations for persons to be inducted into the North Texas Soccer Hall of Fame may be submitted by any person who is a player, coach, referee, or administrator for North Texas Soccer, or an Organization Member of North Texas Soccer.
2. **The recognition must be for significant personal achievement in, or contribution to, North Texas Soccer at the State or National Level.** In addition, the demonstrated, positive effect of such achievement or contribution must have set a clear and recognized example for the soccer community to emulate and regard as a model to be followed for personal achievement.
3. Players - must have reached the minimum age of 22 and have distinguished themselves with an outstanding standard of play and/or performance as a member of North Texas Soccer. The player must have participated in games as a registered member of North Texas Soccer for at least 6 consecutive years.
4. Administrators, Referees, and Coaches, - must have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and/or leadership that have made significant contributions to the improvement of the sport and its participants statewide or nationwide. They must have contributed directly for a period of 10 or more years at the State or National level.
5. Meritorious Recognition - Nominations for this Recognition are for individuals or organizations involved in the support of North Texas Soccer in non-playing, non-administrative, non-coaching, and non-refereeing capacities.

[North Texas Soccer Hall of Fame](#)

The Jim Finger Lifetime Achievement Award Must be submitted by April 30, 2025, for consideration

The Jim Finger Award honors a person within NTSSA who has made substantial contributions to the referee program over a minimum period of 10 years. The nominee should display Jim Finger's characteristics of devotion, integrity, and fair play.

Illustrate why the nominee is deserving of the award. Examples can include any or all of the following:

1. Active participation as an administrator, assessor, instructor, or volunteer participation in referee mentoring at any level of the game.
2. Have been an active and dedicated referee.
3. Helped and gave guidance to others in the Referee Program.
4. Have been recognized for "off the field" activities. These may be for volunteer civic or other duties bringing positive credit to him/her and to the game of soccer.

[Jim Finger Lifetime Achievement Award](#)