

Jenna Whipple: Oregon Youth Soccer Association Young Female Referee of the Year



U.S. Soccer Referee

Jenna, a U.S. Soccer referee, loves to referee because she is passionate about the game of soccer and really enjoys working from another side of the game. Jenna also enjoys working with people and helping them and feels like she gets to do that as a referee. OYSA congratulates her on her selection as the OYSA Young Female Referee of the Year and looks forward to seeing her continue her development as a talented young referee.

Speaking about her experience as a referee, Jenna says,

“There are always fun stories and experiences coming out of each game, which make it even more enjoyable. The referee community is wonderful, and I've made lots of friendships and connections with other referees. It's exciting to be in charge of players, coaches, and game decisions, and I've always liked challenging myself, which I do on the field. I am also a very active person, and the exercise and fitness component of it is nice.”

Career Highlights

- Referee for 4 years
- Player for 11 years
- Currently plays for Westside Timbers, Lakeridge High School Varsity, and ODP

Outside Interests and Achievements

- Reading, hanging out with friends, going on walks/hikes, traveling, learning new languages, listening to music
- Bilingual in English and German, and studying French and Spanish
- 4.0 GPA

After High School

- Jenna plans to go to college, continue to advance in refereeing, travel outside of the country and study abroad.

Volunteer Work

- Jenna volunteers at Westside Timbers as a coach, at Lakeridge High School as a tutor, at various food banks, and at Northwest Children's Outreach.