

Passing of a Washington Soccer Legend, Bob Pettingill

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I am writing to inform you of the passing of a legend in soccer in Washington, Bob Pettingill. Bob passed away at home yesterday (Sunday) with his beloved wife Geri at his side.

Bob's career in soccer began as a high school player in New Jersey. He is best known for his many years of service to the referee program in our state. He was a referee, referee administrator and assessor. He also held various administrative positions with the Washington State Soccer Association. Bob was a National Assessor who served as our State Director of Assessment until 2004. A whole generation of referees was influenced by Bob's positive and supportive approach to officiating. Many of you knew Bob through his work as an assessor at Region IV events.

Most importantly Bob was my friend. His strong moral compass and common sense approach to soccer and life were invaluable to me as WSSA President. Whenever I need assistance, he was always there to help.

In 2004, Bob was elected to the Washington State Soccer Association Hall of Fame.

Bob will be missed by all of us.