

Tom Kearns – Hall of Fame

- Became a referee in the late 1970's and served on the Northern Kentucky Soccer League Board from 1980 to 1990 in addition to serving as the head referee for NKSL.
- One of three Kentuckians who attended the 1980 inaugural United States Soccer Federation Instructional training and Certification Program and used that information to teach almost every local referee clinic in Northern Kentucky for the next ten years. (Teaching over 1000 referees)
- Developed a payroll system for NKSL in which referees got paid much more efficiently than on the field – which was later used by the local high schools.
- In 1984, helped co-found the local High School Soccer Officials Association which is still functioning today as the NKSOA.
- After retiring from refereeing in the mid 1990's, Tom stayed involved by assessing local NKSOA referees.
- Lifetime member of the NKSOA (only one ever given) and was recently inducted into the Northern KY Boys High School Coaches Hall of Fame and the Northern Kentucky University Hall of Fame.

