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Rick Rogers inducted into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Announced today by the YCSHOF Board, Rick Roger's selection for induction into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2023. The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its annual dinner and induction ceremony August 31, 2023.

Rogers has been officiating in the York County area for the past 20 years He came to Rock Hill in 2003 to attend Winthrop University. In addition to officiating, Rogers has been an assignor and administrator for the Rock Hill Referee Association since 2007.

Under the leadership of fellow Hall of Famer, Sam Tucker, Rogers began his advancement through the US Soccer referee ranks. He earned his National Assistant Referee badge in 2014 and has had the opportunity to officiate across the United States in various professional leagues as well as international matches.

Rogers has also found success at the high school and college ranks. He has had the opportunity to officiate in four high school state finals alongside some great colleagues and lifelong friends. Collegiately, he has held a National Referee badge since 2015 and has officiated numerous conference championship and NCAA tournament games, three NCAA Division II Final Fours and the 2019 Division II Men's National Championship.

Having seen significant growth of York County soccer over the last 20 years, Rogers is now tasked with developing York County's next slate of top officials. In addition to his local responsibilities, he is South Carolina's State Director of Referee Instruction, a US Soccer Referee Coach and a US Soccer National Assignor.

Rogers becomes the fourth referee inducted into the York County Soccer Hall of Fame. He follows Sam Tucker (Class of 2019), a mentor of his, longtime referee Alex Almaguer (Class of 2022) and at the 2021 induction ceremony had the pleasure of speaking on behalf of the Ostrower Family as his friend and fellow referee Bryan Ostrower was inducted posthumously into the YCSHOF. Rick is one of the few referees across the country who has been able to turn a passion into a career through his full-time refereeing and assigning of games.

The York County Soccer Hall of Fame will hold its annual dinner and induction ceremony Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the Courtyard Marriott (Kingsley) in Ft. Mill, SC. Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased online at www.yorkcountysoccerhof.com Get your tickets today as past years have sold out. The Ceremony will begin at 6:00 PM with a cocktail social (cash bar) followed by dinner at 6:45 PM with induction speeches and teams of distinction beginning at 7:30 PM.

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