



2018 Kirk Hoecherl Hall of Fame Inductee

Debbie Haycock

I would like to nominate my mother Debbie Haycock for the Kirk Hoecherl Hall of Fame. My mom is one of the major reasons I'm involved with soccer today on all levels. It was my mom and dad that got me involved when I was 8 years old in what was AYSO at the time. She was a pioneer in the Cache Valley area in helping with Cache Valley Soccer and eventual the partnership with UYSA. She is also the reason that I began to volunteer in so many administrative roles.

Here's a bit of a bio on what I was able to gather from her on her service. She didn't have a lot of dates.

My parents became involved first as soccer parents when I was 8 years old this would be over 34 years ago.

She served jointly with her husband Gregg as a Rec area leader and continued to serve in this position for several years.

She served on the board for Cache Valley Soccer League when it was an at large league and was serving on this board when it was decided to become affiliated with UYSA. She saw the importance then of being a member of UYSA. The President of Cache Valley Soccer at that time was Gale Bingham.

Introduced fall soccer to Cache Valley: "fall tournament play" – was co-chair.

She served as the Secretary for Cache Valley Soccer and later served as both the Secretary and Registrar.

She became a coach in 1990: Rec Coach, District Coach and State Level Coach. She currently holds a State D license. Her coaching started with her Daughter Amanda. This team went from rec, district to the very top level in the state gaming program at that time.

Coaching led her to other volunteer opportunities. She first became involved as the Girls District Competition director which made her a part of the State competition board. She eventually became the State competition director. I remember alignment forms everywhere as she worked through the alignment process.

She also served as the State Recreation director.

She was the Kohl's tournament director for several years and served on the Cache Valley Cup committee for 3 years.

She also has been a referee assignor, is a grade 8 referee and has served on the state referee committee. As an assignor she worked with affinity in the development of the referee assigning module that we have today. During this tenure she also got most of my siblings involved as referees and helped find, develop and train many other referees.

One of the major things that have stood out for me was my mom's willingness to serve in whatever capacity was needed within the soccer community. Like almost all of us we get involved because our children want to play. This was the same for my parents. They quickly saw the need to volunteer so that we could have the opportunity not only to play but to have more opportunities than just Rec soccer. Even long after her children were done playing and have moved on she continued to give back to the soccer community by volunteering.

I appreciate your consideration for Debbie Haycock for this award.

Sincerely,

Allan Haycock