

**Elmer Ehlers, 2010 US Youth Soccer Hall of Fame Inductee,
Administrator**

Elmer Ehlers was a longtime youth soccer administrator. He became involved with soccer when his four sons (Michael, Peter, Steven and Timothy) started playing for the Milwaukee Kickers in 1970. Ehlers then became the team's general manager.

He later served 10 years as Region II director on US Youth Soccer's board of directors (1984-94). This was a period of great growth for youth soccer and membership increased by more than one million players.

Ehlers contributed to expanding the US Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program (US Youth Soccer ODP) to individual age groups instead of two year age groups. Many more players were exposed to the highest level because of this improvement.

Also on the national stage, Ehlers remained involved in the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series after he retired as regional director. He contributed to the US Youth Soccer Region II Championships in whatever capacity was needed year after year.

Because of his contributions to US Youth Soccer, the Under-14 Girls US Youth Soccer National Championship Cup was named the Elmer Ehlers Cup in his honor in 2002.

Ehlers is a lifetime member of the U.S. Soccer Federation.

Ehlers served as a commissioner with Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, and he is a member of the Wisconsin Soccer Hall of Fame.

He always made sure that the recreational players received as much attention as the US Youth Soccer ODP and elite players.

Ehlers passed away in May 2001.

