

## **Lawrence "Larry" Monaco, 2012 Hall of Fame Inductee, Administrator**

Larry Monaco became actively involved in soccer in 1970, when he helped to establish "Soccer on the Hill," the first Washington, D.C. youth soccer league. More than 40 years later, Monaco has a record full of service and positions held to further the advancement of youth soccer, as well as soccer at all levels.

After becoming a certified referee and earning his "D" coaching license, Monaco served on the Virginia Youth Soccer Association's Board of Directors from 1984-1997. His positions at VYSA included Secretary, Vice President, Adjudication Committee Chair, Finance Committee Chair and Region I Host Committee Co-Chair for the Region's Cup competitions. Several years after retiring from the Federal Government, he formed the Soccer Club of Northern Neck (Va.) and served as the first president, and subsequently treasurer and coach for the youngest players.



While he has been a mainstay in the Virginia and D.C. soccer scene since the 1970s, Monaco also impacted youth soccer nationally. From 2006-2010, he served as President of US Youth Soccer. Prior to that, he served as Vice President and held many committee positions within US Youth Soccer.

In his time as President, US Youth Soccer fully implemented the National League, which has become a highly competitive and popular part of the organization. He also championed the expansion of SoccerStart to Soccer Across America, which helps to provide soccer opportunities for youngsters in every area of the country, allowing them to build positive social and life skills for physical and mental development.

Monaco was a member of the United States Soccer Federation Appeals Committee and served as chair of the Federation Rules Committee before being elected and serving as Vice President from 1994-1998. He is recognized as a life member of the U.S. Soccer Federation.

Those who have worked with Monaco have praised him for his willingness to offer advice in a variety of areas. He's developed the knowledge he passes on to others during a lifetime of promoting and advancing youth soccer, and continues on that mission today.

**[VIDEO](#): Monaco Inducted into US Youth Soccer Hall of Fame**