

Name: Owen Maki

Hometown: St. Michael, MN

Q: What is your age?

A: 15

Q: Who is your favorite Minnesota Wild player?

A: Brock Faber

Q: Did you play competitive hockey? If yes, what was the highest level of hockey that you played?

A: Yes, through 2<sup>nd</sup> year PeeWee.

Q: How many years have you been officiating?

A: This is my 4<sup>th</sup> season.

Q: What level(s) do you officiate most often?

A: Squirt, PeeWee, some Bantam, and Girls.

Q: Why did you become a referee?

A: I was given an opportunity to shadow one of my teachers, Mr. Lindemann, during a game. I loved it and wanted to keep doing it. I don't consider it a job because I enjoy it so much.

Q: What is your favorite memory as a referee?

A: Working as a linesman in a National Boys 16U Tier 1 Elite tournament in Blaine, MN.

Q: What is one thing you would like to tell a youth hockey parent?

A: Yelling at the officials from the stands doesn't help, but cheering your kid and their team on does.

Q: What is one thing you would like to tell a youth hockey coach?

A: When you call us over for a question, behind the stripes we're human too and we're trying our best to make the right call.