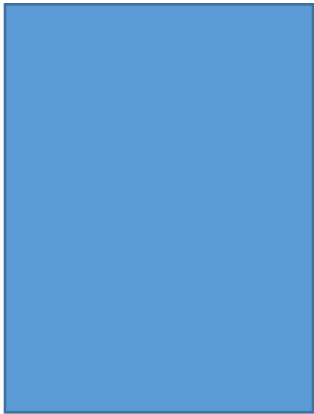


GU11 Select Coach 2018-19



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Soccer Background: I began playing soccer in elementary school, because that was what you did growing up. I learned to love the game and participated in recreational and select soccer up and into my high school years. As a 4th and 5th grader I tried out and was offered a roster spot on a select team that would host a team from Peru for the International Friendship Cup in Colorado two summers in a row. Watching the Peruvians play was eye opening – and playing against them in a friendly match during the opening ceremonies was humbling. I picked up the game again as an adult and played on a co-ed team for over 10 years, until knee injuries sidelined me permanently.

Coaching Background: While still in high school I explored coaching soccer. I reached out to members of my club and was put in touch with two coaches of a GU12 select team. They took me under their wings and allowed me to be an assistant for 2 years before I graduated. During that time I learned valuable lessons in coaching and even had the chance to be head coach during a summer tournament. I have been coaching with Lake Hills for over 8 years. I have coached both boys and girls Micro and Mod soccer with the club. I love every minute of it as I get to see firsthand, children develop a passion for the game that I love so much. Seeing kids develop as players and teammates is the greatest reward. . As a parent/volunteer coach I am invested in this community and love seeing it come together to support our youth.

Coaching Qualifications: I currently hold a U.S. Soccer Federation E license.

Coaching Awards: N/A

Other Experience: I am also currently on the Lake Hills Board of Directors.

Coaching Philosophy: My first rule is to have fun. I try to make learning soccer as much fun as possible. As long as we are focused and working hard, laughter is encouraged. If we enjoy what we are doing, we are going to give it our best effort. My goal as a coach is to provide the team with the opportunity to learn the game and grow as players. We focus on

individual skills that will make each player a successful team member. Developing creative, intelligent players who can work within the context of the team is important. Teamwork and sportsmanship are the foundations of the teams I coach. The life lessons we learn on the pitch transcend the sport.