

GU15 (G08) Select Coach 2022



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RMA: 4/30/22



Soccer Background:

I began playing soccer in elementary school in Colorado. 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 played on a select team that would host a team from Peru for the International Friendship Cup in Colorado two summers in a row – solidifying my love of the sport. 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:

I started my coaching career while still playing in high school. Through my competitive club I was partnered with coaches of a U12 Girls Select Team. The coaches took me under their wing 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 head coach during a summer tournament, all while still being a student myself. I have been coaching with Lake Hills for over 10 years. I have coached both boys and girls Micro, Mod and Select 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, teammates and people 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.

Achievements/Awards: 2022 WYS Founders Cup Semifinalists GU14
2019 Kent Cornucopia Cup 3rd Place Finish GU12
2019 Starfire XTreme Cup Champion GU12
2018 NPSL Division 3 Runner-up GU11

Other Experience: Former member on the Lake Hills Board of Directors.

Coaching Philosophy:

My first rule is to have fun. If we truly love the sport, then we'll have no problem having fun through the hard work and effort it takes to improve ourselves as players and teammates. The goal of 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. Possession and ball mastery are key components to

training sessions. Doing the thinking during training allows players to act and react on the pitch and not get bogged down with overthinking. Teamwork and sportsmanship are the foundations of the teams I coach. The life lessons we learn on the pitch transcend the sport and help players become even better community members that can pass their love of the sport on to others when they have the opportunity.