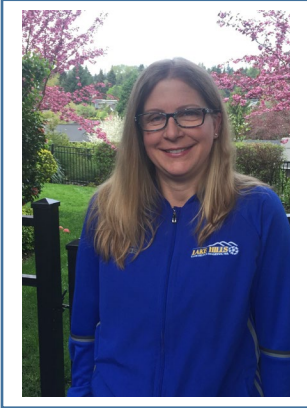


# GU13/14 (G11/12) Select Coach 2024



**Coach:** Cherish Gortner  
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**Age:** 54



**Soccer Background:** Lifelong player. Played youth premier soccer and have competed in competitive and recreational adult leagues ever since.

**Coaching Background:** Lake Hills Soccer Micro Program Coach 2005-2008  
Lake Hills Soccer Mod Program Coach 2009-2011  
Lake Hills Extreme G01 Select Head Coach 2012-2019  
Lake Hills Select B05 Head Coach 2017-2018  
Lake Hills Select G11/G12 Head Coach 2021-2024

**Coaching Qualifications:** US Soccer E License 2011, Grassroots 9v9 License 2021  
SafeSport Certificate, Concussion Certificate,  
Sudden Cardiac Arrest Certificate

**Achievements/Awards:** LHSC Girls Recreational Coach of the Year 2010  
LHSC Select Coach of the Year 2018  
WYS Founders Cup Champions 2023, Semi-Finalists 2024

**Other Experience:** University of Washington Track & Field 1987-1991

**Coaching Philosophy:** Soccer has played a prominent role in my life since I began playing at about age seven. The game taught me valuable life skills and appreciation for fitness and healthy competition. My main goal with respect to coaching is to see all my players eagerly return season after season. I strive to make their experience enjoyable and rewarding. It is important that each player realizes how they have grown as a soccer player and teammate, and be able to appreciate their accomplishments. We stress individual technique, team defense, counterattacking play and spatial awareness. I believe in the value of a strong work ethic, as it extends beyond the game of soccer. Players are rewarded for positive attitude and hard work.

Some consider soccer a sport that is often played by kids, but it can grow to become a lifelong passion ... my hope for my players.