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USSF A LICENSED COACH

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CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS

I am driven to create a culture of winning within an organization as a coach and technical director. I am motivated by my daily interactions with players and staff, to build trust and earn respect as a leader. Trust is a key component to success in the development of a squad and relies upon intense collaboration. As trust is built, players will come to accept and respect leadership and work autonomously to strengthen the club culture of winning, both on and off the field. My goal is to build a proactive team that is attack-minded, well-organized defensively, and dominant on both sides of the ball. The technical approach, combined with the clarity of our teachings, and a winning mentality ingrained in the club culture leads to the long-term success I strive for.



BRIEF TIMELINE

Coaching & Director Experience:

- Head Coach & Sporting Director – Chattanooga FC (NISA/MLSNEXTPRO) (2022-2024) (Coach of the Year - 2022)
- Head Coach & Sporting Director – Stumptown AC (NISA) (2021)
- Technical Director & Head Coach – Montego Bay United FC (2017-2018)
- Assistant Head Coach – Sacramento Republic FC (USL) (2014-2015); Academy Director (2015-2016)
- Coach & Director – Portland Timbers (MLS) (2011-2014)
- Head Coach – Northeast Stars, Trinidad & Tobago (2010)
- Head Coach – Cleveland City Stars (2009)
- 1ST Team Assistant Coach – Portland Timbers (2007-2009)
- Assistant Coach – Georgia State University (2005)
- Head Coach - South Carolina Shamrocks (USL) (1999)
- Head Coach – Albuquerque Geckos (USL) 1997-1998 (National Champion 1997)
- Head Coach – New Mexico Chiles (USL) (1994-1996)
- Regional Staff Coach - USSF Region IV (1994-2002)

Scouting & Management Experience:

- Professional Scout – SC Cambuur; Jupiler League (Netherlands) (2006-2010)
- Coach Training – Eastside United Soccer Club (2007-2014)
- Director of Coaching/Technical Director - Cherokee Impact (2003-2007)

Playing Career:

- Furman University (1985-1989)
- Atlanta Attack (NPSL) (1989-1990)
- New Mexico Chiles (APSL & USISL) (1990-1991)
- New Orleans Gamblers (1992)
- New Mexico Chiles (USL) (1996-1994)
- Albuquerque Geckos (A-League) (1998)

ANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS ROLES

HEAD COACH & SPORTING DIRECTOR CHATTANOOGA FC (2022-2024)

- Responsible for all first team technical matters
- Create and apply first team budget
- Hire, train and manage first-team staff
- Design and implement all team training sessions
- Implement data science into club culture and valuation tools
- Implement video coaching program
- Design the scouting program for self-scouting as well as in-season and off-season roster management
- Contract negotiations with all first team players and coaching staff
- Lead club in transition from participation in NISA league to participation in MLSNEXTPRO

HEAD COACH & SPORTING DIRECTOR STUMPTOWN AC (2021)

- Responsible for all first team technical matters
- Hire, train and manage all first-team staff
- Design and implement all team training sessions
- Organize and scout training sessions to develop team depth
- Work in conjunction with club president and general manager on salary cap management
- Identify and negotiation contracts of all players within direction of club president and general manager

LICENSES & ACCREDITATIONS

EDUCATIONAL

- Master of Art – Sports Leadership (Furman University, 1989)
- Bachelor of Arts Physical Education (Furman University, 1989)

PROFESSIONAL

- USSF “A” License
- Royal Netherlands Football Association Advance License
- USSF – National Youth Coach License



MEDIA, PUBLICATIONS, & MEMBERSHIPS

Media:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-section-109-podcast/id1476968964?i=1000585885350>

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Understanding Soccer (Co-Author)

Soccer Chaplains United (Board Member)

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion NISA (Board Member)

References:

Upon Request