

Letter of Introduction

Dear Parents,

The purpose of this document is to provide a brief summary of my background, to discuss my coaching style and philosophy, and to solicit your help in making the 2025 Anacortes Middle School Boys soccer season, a successful one.

I grew up in the Adirondack Mountains of New York; joined the Army at a young age and served for 20 years as a Counterintelligence Special Agent. After retiring from the Army I served for several years as a security and counterterrorism professional for the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

I played soccer in high school, for several Army post teams, as well as semi-professionally while posted in Augusta, Georgia. My youth soccer coaching experience spans 16 years, and includes coaching the Anacortes Boys Middle School Varsity team for the past 3 years, the Anacortes Middle School Girls JV team for the past 2 years, the Avon, Ohio high school varsity boys team, while also coaching multiple girls travel and premier level teams in the Washington D.C. area. My teams were commonly recognized for sportsmanship (something that is very important to me) and consistently finished in the top three. I currently hold a National “D” coaching license from the US Soccer Federation.

Former players (and their parents) have described me as approachable, respectful, direct, and of calm temperament. I will seek from day one to develop a trusting and respectful relationship with each of our players. My expectation will be that this respect extends from every player to his teammates, coaches and referees. I love the game of soccer and actively seek to build such admiration for the game in my players and their parents. While their development as players is foremost, the game is supposed to be fun. Please rest assured that development and fun will be in equal measure during every practice and game while I coach this team.

What I need from every parent is simple. Support your sons during games by attending and providing positive reinforcement. Please do not, however, coach them or engage referees during games. Leave these tasks to me as their coach. If your sons have complaints, please trust that I will do the right thing and encourage them to come and talk with me about their concerns. If they have not already, I suggest your sons start running now so they are fit for the coming season. Feel free to give me a call should you have any questions or concerns. Go Hawks!

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