

Arundel Soccer Association

Bio: Eric Popiel

ASA Strikers 05

1. League: I plan on coaching a under 12 (U12) boys team in the National Capital Soccer League (NCSL)
2. Coaching Experience:
 - a. Head Coach: 3 Seasons of Recreational Soccer in Mobile, Alabama (West Mobile Soccer League).
 - b. Head Coach: 6 Seasons of Recreational Soccer in Odenton, Maryland (Arundel Soccer Association).
 - c. Head Coach: 4 Seasons of County Soccer in Odenton, Maryland (Arundel Soccer Association). Division 6, Division 3, Division 2, and Division 1. D2 champions, D1 runner-up. D1 Season record: 7-3.
 - d. Assistant Coach: 1 Season NCSL Soccer in Odenton, Maryland (Arundel Soccer Association). Season record: 9-0.
 - e. Head Coach: 1 Season NCSL Soccer in Odenton, Maryland (Arundel Soccer Association).
 - f. 2015 Mountain Road Tournament (U11) – Runner-up
3. Certifications:
 - a. United States Soccer Federation E License
 - b. National Soccer Coaches Association of America Level 6 Diploma
4. Expectations:
 - a. Players will be fully engaged in soccer for the entire year.
 - b. Players should plan on starting practice at the beginning of August and the beginning of March for the Fall and Spring seasons respectively.
 - c. Players should plan on team Coerver training over the winter
 - d. Players should plan on either 2 sessions of Futsal or 1 session of Futsal and 1 indoor season.
 - e. Players should plan on playing both the Fall and Spring NCSL seasons and may not play on any other soccer teams.
 - f. NCSL is a travel soccer league. Players should plan on traveling upwards of 1.0 – 1.5 hours for away games. Games are typically played on Sundays.
 - g. Players may play a second sport but this must be discussed with the coaching staff and approved.
 - h. Players should plan on participating in 3 practices per week during the season (1 practice will be Coerver, the other two will be run by the coaching staff).
 - i. Players should plan on scrimmaging higher level teams from various clubs each season.
 - j. Players should plan on participating in at least one soccer camp over the summer. Coerver is preferred but not required.



- k. Players should plan on participating in 2-3 tournaments throughout the year.
- l. Parents should be prepared to pay around \$800 - \$1000 for the year.

5. Coaching Philosophy:

- a. I believe in a coaching philosophy that is interlaced with “grace” (unmerited favor). If team members embrace this concept, they end up coming alongside and encouraging their teammates, offering forgiveness when necessary, helping teammates to succeed, and ultimately creating team success. Anyone can win a soccer match through skill or by cheating. It is playing with integrity, making the right choices during the game, and playing with heart and “no excuses” that determines a successful soccer player. There is no substitute for hard work - combined with the “servant-leader” philosophy of others first, success is inevitable.
- b. I will do my best to identify each player’s abilities and talents; instill confidence in their strengths and work to improve their weaknesses.
- c. I will not yell or scream or in any way belittle any player.
- d. I will not yell, scream, or belittle a referee. If there is a problem during the game, I will discuss it with the referee. If it can be resolved quickly, fantastic; if not, I will use formal channels to address the problem.
- e. I am an observer and a teacher: I will use the inevitable mistakes within the game to instruct proper technique and game savvy.
- f. I want the players to understand that their “life life” is longer than their “soccer life”. We all make mistakes – learn from them and apply the lessons to soccer and life.
- g. I will always attempt to provide the opportunity to develop player skills and create a learning environment that is constantly challenging and enjoyable.
- h. I will always be honest and upfront regarding player development. I will coach with integrity and expect you to speak up if you see me behaving contrary to this philosophy.
- i. I will conduct myself with players, parents, coaches, and referees in a manner that reflects well on ASA and the Strikers.
- j. **I**ntegrity, **S**kill & **S**afety, **h**Onesty, **C**ommitment, **C**ooperation, **E**xcellence, **R**espect.

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