Joslynn Bigelow: Oregon Youth Soccer Association TOPSoccer Coach of the Year



Eastside Timbers TOPSoccer Coach

Joslynn has been with the Eastside Timbers' TOPSoccer program since its inception in 2007, when Jenna was a middle school student. Throughout high school and college, Joslynn juggled soccer, school, and volunteering for TOPSoccer. In 2016, Joslynn became the Eastside Timbers' TOPSoccer program Head Coach.

Every week, Joslynn brings lesson plans for both Honey Bears and Grizzly Bears, with two different sessions for high- and low-ability levels. During training, Joslynn's ability to keep 20-plus players and buddies engaged and enjoying themselves is nothing short of remarkable. When you watch her, you know she is doing exactly what she is supposed to be doing in life. She is calm, clear, and seamlessly adapts to the needs of each participant as she works her way around the field, coaching and interacting with her athletes.

For the 2020/2021 season, in addition to her Head Coach role, Joslynn has taken on the taken on the Director of TOPSoccer position, and she is proving to be as excellent an administrator as she is a coach.

Recommendations:

"Her impact she's made on the kids that are currently in her program is beyond words. She continues to be there for them and help them to navigate the world even with their disabilities. Joslynn is the reason so many kids came back every year. She's not just a super coach, she is a friend, mentor, and angel."

— TOPSoccer Program Volunteer

"Yes, she's an awesome coach, but she's also an awesome role model to these players. The players really truly like her. The boys tease her, and the girls confide in her."

Sue Hughes, former Director

Other Interests and Activities:

- Volunteering for Special Olympics
- Continuing her education for her degree in Secondary Education
- Being active in the outdoors