



John Mc Calla
Lincoln Youth Soccer
OYSA 2021 Boys Competitive Coach of the Year

On The Pitch: John's training sessions are top notch. John makes sure kids are getting as many ball touches during sessions as possible. No more waiting in line to have a turn to shoot at goal. John's practices have lots of small-sided games and whole group activities. John observes the kids during play and practice to identify their strengths and weaknesses and designs training to meet those needs. At each practice John talks with his players about the importance of character, leadership, honor, and responsibility. John helps develop the player and the person!

John has made sure Soccer has been available to kids year-round and in the "off-season" will hold practice at least one day a week. John has researched and shared all kinds of training opportunities and tournaments. During the early phases of the pandemic John was particularly committed to the health of the kids and helped to establish an intramural league for our group to minimize contact with strangers. John kept this going for nearly 2 years when other social experiences were so limited.

For his Soccer Community: John is always promoting soccer and as a LYS board member John helps provide guidance and leadership to the group. During his tenure as a board member, the group has acquired the rights to manage a decommissioned Portland parks and rec facility, have organized and hosted coaches training and coach mentors, set-up a futsal league, and advocated for acquiring and upgrading more space for Soccer in our area.

John has reached out to parents and knows parents. He knows what's going on with the kids and parents' lives, listens to any parent's concerns and always has a thoughtful well considered response. John does a fantastic job at recruiting parents to be involved with all aspects of running a team.

"John deserves to be recognized for a half decade of leadership and volunteerism making soccer more accessible and a better experience for more kids."

-LYS parent-

"John thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the Lincoln Youth Soccer community. We appreciate you and are proud to have you as our 2021 Boys Competitive Coach of the Year."

-OYSA Board and Staff-