



Michelle Cannici - Westside Soccer
OYSA 2021 Girls Recreational Coach of the Year

Coach Cannici is consistently willing to put the lessons from sport in contexts that make them available to young people in their daily lives. Michelle cultivates RESPECT, SELF ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE and TEAMWORK. Like she tells these athletes, "there's zero tolerance for disrespect here. We support each other ALWAYS!" Her knowledge of the game, drills, skill building, and healthy competitive spirit is what the game of soccer is about.

Coach Cannici is great at connecting all the girls during practices and outside of practices, and has a seamless ability to teach players different techniques of the game, teamwork, and collaboration all at the same time. Coach Cannici takes time to get to know each of her players and how to motivate them. Then uses that knowledge to make them more confident and knowledgeable players. She was a former player, has huge passion for the game, and is amazing at sharing what she knows in a positive way that is infectious.

"Something I also really appreciate about her is that I have never heard her make a bad comment in front of the girls, whether it be about another team, coach or any other situation. She also conveys to them the respect that should be shown to other teams, be it players, coaches or fans."

-Westside Parent-

"I've played soccer throughout most of my life. I've had the most amazing coaches and some...not so amazing. The ones that stood out the most are the ones that MADE A DIFFERENCE in my life. Their passion and love for the sport is just the impetus to coaching. The true work is done on many other levels. I can tell you SHE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!!!! These girls are better PLAYERS, better ATHLETES, better TEAMMATES and BETTER HUMAN BEINGS because of Coach Michelle."

-Westside Parent-

"Coach Cannici "walks the talk." She shared her values and goals early on and executed accordingly throughout the season. She was an incredible female leader for our girls and modeled work ethic, dedication, sportsmanship, and positivity."

-Westside Parent-

"As someone who grew up playing soccer in Oregon and knowing what this organization meant to me all my youth, I cannot fully express what this award means to me. One of the biggest lessons I tried to instill into these young players was that we are not just a team, but a part of a community. A community that if you nurture it and treat it well, will be your community for the rest of your life.

This proves to be just that."

-Coach Michelle Cannici-

"Coach Cannici thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the Westside Soccer program and the young girls you coach. We appreciate you and are proud to have you as our 2021 Girls Recreational Coach of the Year."

-OYSA Board and Staff-