



Ross Bolf

Aloha United Soccer Club

OYSA 2021 Boys Recreational Coach of the Year

Coach Ross emphasizes sportsmanship, being a teammate, and the fundamentals of sport over winning. All his players play all positions and share equal time on the pitch regardless of who is winning the game. When Ross's team is winning by several goals, he reminds his players how to show sportsmanship to opponents and creates ways for his team to still work hard and have fun but not at the expense of the other team. When Ross's team loses a game, he reminds his players to hold their heads high and tells them how proud he is of them. Words matter to kids and Coach Ross teaches the game in a way that raises every young player up and develops their love of the game. Coach Ross is one in a million and his players and soccer community say he was born to do this and are so grateful he has stepped into this role.

"I could not have hand picked a better group of 9-year-old boys to play on this team and the parents were absolutely fantastic. They knew this was a new adventure and were so supportive and complimentary of the approach we took with these boys. To watch this group gel over the course of the season and to really invest all of my energy and passion into something new like this, then to see the magic unfold on the field...this was truly one of the greatest experiences of my life. This was meant to be a one-time event, but we had so much fun that we are getting as many of the kids back together again for the spring season. My honest goal for the boys was to nurture them, give them a safe and fun place to explore a sport they all loved, and success for me was having as many of them want to come out again next year."

-Coach Ross-

"Coach Ross was an incredible leader this season. He coached our boys' soccer team in a very successful season – but the focus wasn't on our wins. The focus was on what it meant to be a team. Being the first to encourage each other, being the first to pick each other up and how to leverage everyone's unique strengths. His asks and encouragement extended beyond the field – he encouraged the boys to stay focused at school and to be kind to all their classmates.

Coach Ross sets the gold standard for what it means to be a good coach. We are so grateful for his willingness to step up when we didn't have a coach and we are so grateful for his leadership."

-Aloha United Parent-

"Coach Ross thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the Aloha United Soccer program and the young boys you coached. We appreciate you and are proud to have you as our 2021 Boys Recreational Coach of the Year."

-OYSA Board and Staff-