

SASKATOON ALLIANCE

—— ID 2021-22 COACHES ——





Sean Riggs
U11 Boys / Girls Head Coach

Coaching Education:

- CSA National B License Part 2 – certified
- CSA Children's License – trained
- CSA Learning Facilitator

Personal Background & Pathway into Coaching:

After playing his entire youth career in Saskatoon, Sean got into coaching at 18 and coached the first ever game of Zoned soccer in 1998 for Aurora. It was at this moment he decided that he wanted to give players an opportunity that he did not have by passing down his knowledge of the game and providing them with the tools to accomplish their goals. Sean made the decision to dedicate his life to the game and chose to make a career in developing players by attending SIAST Recreation Management Program as well as taking his coaching licenses in soccer. After stints with Aurora, Eastside and Hollandia, Sean moved to Prince Albert for his first full-time Technical Director position in 2012, after Prince Albert he made his way to Grande Prairie as part of their minor soccer programming, and in 2016 Sean returned home and took over Technical Director duties with the Aurora Soccer Club.

Coaching Experience:

Sean has successfully coached at every level of soccer, which includes:

- Community Head Coach for Eastside
- Head Coach – Hollandia
- Running minor soccer in Grande Prairie, AB
- Technical Director for Prince Albert & Aurora Soccer Club
- U of S Women's Soccer.
- Coaching in the Saskatchewan Soccer Association High Performance Programs

Coaching Philosophy:

I love to focus on individual player development, ball mastery, love of the ball and game in a FUN, safe and challenging environment. Over the last few years my shift has gone to game intelligence by providing opportunities to players of all skill levels and interest levels as well as giving them the coaching they need to succeed, while playing meaningful games. The game is where you can utilize what you learned in training. It's the test so to speak.

Coaching Education:

- CSA B License Part 1 - trained
- CSA C License - certified

Personal Background & Pathway into Coaching:

Alex is a club coach currently with the Aurora Soccer club in Saskatoon. During his youth career he was a player in the National High Performance Program, Provincial Program, and for Saskatoon United Soccer Club (SUSC). During this time Alex realized that a lot of players never get a chance to learn at the high level due to the cost and that many players are not selected for these programs, and he felt that players should be given the chance to experience a high level of coaching regardless of skill or money. So at the age 15 Alex started his coaching career, looking to pass down the knowledge he gained over his years of playing soccer and he is now in his 9th year of coaching.

Coaching Experience:

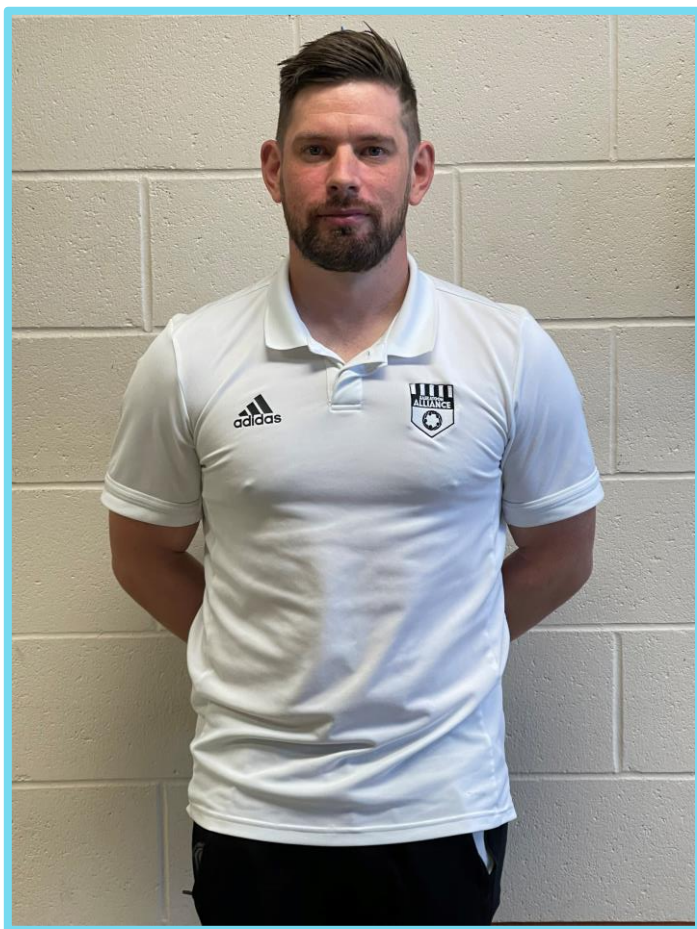
He started his coaching career with Saskatoon United Soccer Club working with the U10 Development teams and the U11/U12 club teams but he also worked with the SUSC academy and SUSC seasonal camps. This gave him the opportunity to work with Kaylyn Kyle, former Canadian national women's team member, as her academy coach for back to back years. For the past three years, Alex has been part of the Aurora Soccer club where he has coached multiple teams from U11 to U17 and has been part of their ADA academy.

Coaching Philosophy:

To create an environment that encourages athletes to communicate, take responsibility, hold themselves accountable and develop on and off the field. I want to help foster their dreams of being the best athlete as well as their best self, through good and bad times but I also want to give athletes, regardless of skill, a sense of accomplishment no matter how big or small.



Alex Hein
U13 Boys / Girls Head Coach



Tim Mangan
U15 Girls Head Coach

Coaching Education:

- CSA C License - certified
- CSA B License Part 1 - certified
- CSA Youth License candidate

Personal Background & Pathway into Coaching:

Tim grew up in England in a town called Leeds. Growing up in Leeds it was either play soccer or play soccer...Tim started playing at a very young age and has made soccer a part of his life where ever he has went. During his time in Leeds, he was part of what is now known as Ossett United. In 2009, Tim moved to Saskatoon with his family but didn't start coaching until 2014 as part of the Walter Murray Marauders coaching staff and eventually made his way to Lakewood in 2017.

Coaching Experience:

Tim has shown dedication and commitment by the number of hours he is found on the field, always available to step in to help and work with any of the Lakewood coaching staff or teams. Tim's role as the Technical Lead - Youth Girls has been a position he is filled with great enthusiasm as he works with a majority of the girl's teams at Lakewood. As well as, he has done an excellent job of making sure Lakewood players & teams he has worked with enjoy every minute they spend on the pitch, training or game situation. One of his biggest moments as part of Lakewood was his appearance as Head Coach in the 2019 PSL final where they were one goal away from making an appearance at the 2019 U17 National Championships.

Coaching Philosophy:

Creating a fun and positive environment for players of all ages and skill levels on and off the field. I want to help players to learn and grow their technical skills but also help players grow on a personal and social level as well. Soccer should always be played at the best of your ability while on the pitch.

Coaching Education:

- CSA B License Part 1 - trained
- CSA C License - certified

Personal Background & Pathway into Coaching:

Dan grew up and has lived his whole life here in Saskatoon and from a small age played Soccer well most other's where playing baseball. From 1992 to 1994 Dan was part of the University of Saskatchewan Men's Soccer program and has since transitioned into Adult Soccer and their Men's, Co-ed and Masters leagues as well as travelling the world and taking part in the World Masters Games. Throughout his time in Soccer Dan has developed a passion for coaching and teaching the game to our youth.

Coaching Experience:

He has coached his three children at the Premier level in the SYSI league over a span of fifteen years and coached U13, U14 and U15 PSL.

Coaching Philosophy:

I am a strong believer that people play soccer for the fun of the game regardless of age or skill level. Enjoying the game is in the root of all my training and understanding that sometimes hard work is enjoyed through performance at a later date. Ultimately, my hope is that anyone I coach develops lasting friendships and a life-long love for the game.



Dan Weber
U15 Boys Coach



Predrag Maksimovic
U15 Boys Coach

Coaching Education:

- Bachelor in Sports Science ~ Belgrade University
- UEFA B License, Serbia
- CSA C License – certified
- CSA B License Part 1 – certified
- CSA Youth License - candidate

Personal Background & Pathway into Coaching:

Predrag, or more commonly known as Pedja, arrived in Canada from Serbia via Germany. Early on Pedja knew that he wanted to become a professional player but after several years of developing and even playing professionally as part of one of the highest ranked academies in Europe, an injury at 20 brought his dreams of a professional career to a halt. Soccer was his life, and after encouragement from a former coach, Pedja decided he would take up coaching. He received his UEFA B License while working at FK Rad Academy in Belgrade, and during his time there he decided to that he was going to make the move to Canada in 2015. After his arrival in Canada, Pedja worked in Moose Jaw and Regina but decided in 2018 to move to Saskatoon and began his coaching career with Lakewood Soccer, where he is currently the Technical Lead - Youth Boys.

Coaching Experience:

Pedja has worked with various age groups over the past several seasons with Lakewood but you will see him at his best as part of the older youth teams. A typical training session for Pedja includes a great amount of commitment, intensity, passion and usually some very highly engaging functional activities on the pitch. His style and nature bring to the forefront the player's needs and is work on the field in creating a high tempo environment, is truly one of a kind. Pedja was also part of the Lakewood Deportivo coaching staff who represented Saskatchewan at the U15 National Championships in 2019.

Coaching Philosophy:

Leave everything on the field and give it everything you have. Play with Heart!

Coaching Education:

- CSA B License part 1 - certified
- NCCP certified Level 1
- NCCP certified Level II Theory

Personal Background & Pathway into Coaching:

Mark has devoted the last 23 years of his life in soccer to the development of female athletes in the U13 to U19 age groups. For 20+ of those years, Mark has coached primarily at the Premier level and for teams playing in the Saskatchewan Soccer Association's Provincial Soccer League... the highest level of Outdoor Soccer in the Province. He has had the privilege of being involved in the soccer journeys of over thirty female athletes who have advanced to play at the University level as well as one player who advanced to the level of playing for Team Canada on the national women's team.

Mark considers his greatest accomplishment to be the number of player he has coached who continue to love and play the game of soccer at the adult level.

Coaching Experience:

Mark has twenty-five years of experience of coaching at the club, high school and adult levels, with twenty three of those years of coaching female players.

Coaching Philosophy:

Canada has proven itself to be one of the world leaders in the game of soccer at the female level and it has been my privilege, for many years, to work with developing female players - become the very best they can be - as human beings as well as soccer players.



Mark Lord
U17 / U19 Girls Head Coach



Lewis Oteruelo
U17 / U19 Boys Coach

Coaching Education:

- CSA C License – trained
- CSA Child License candidate
- NCCP Level 1 - Competition

Personal Background & Pathway into Coaching:

Although Lewis was raised and lived most of his life in Saskatoon, his parents moved to Canada from Spain and brought with them the love of the beautiful game of soccer, and instilled that love for the game in Lewis at a young age and that love only grew throughout his life. Lewis' love of soccer began when started walking and he has played throughout his youth and adult years. Lewis has represented the province in his youth career at both the club and provincial levels going on to wear the green and white as a player on the University of Saskatchewan Huskies for four years. A natural transition into giving back to the game that had given him so much occurred and he became involved as a volunteer coach often throughout his career. Lewis also enjoys competing and coaching at the highest levels in the sport of Sailing, recently finishing 7th at a recent World Masters Championships and several national masters championships.

Coaching Experience:

Coaching since he was in high school as a volunteer with local clubs is when Lewis began to help young players of all skill levels to achieve a level of success on the soccer pitch. Lewis spent the early 2000's serving as a board member and a volunteer coach in the Community Associations and with the local clubs in Saskatoon. To take a more active role in the evolution of soccer and working with kids, Lewis made the decision to step up, leave his career in the financial world and became assistant Technical Director with Eastside Youth Soccer Association, before moving to his currently role as Technical Director and General Manager for the Lakewood Soccer Association. Over the last few years, Lewi has coached several provincial championships teams and recently appeared at the 2019 U15 National Championships with Lakewood Deportivo. Not only has he represented Saskatoon at the National championships, in 2016 as part of Team Saskatoon, Lewis and Team Saskatoon took home gold at the Saskatchewan Summer games. Lewis believes in exploring opportunities for Soccer outside of Canada and because of this, countless players have been given the opportunities to travel with Lewis, including as far as China.

Coaching Philosophy:

To be inspiring! It is about the player understanding and understanding the values that will make them not only a better player, but a better person in life. Soccer is a team sport that requires many individuals to understand what is needed to get to the next level, whatever that level might be, not just an elite level. Building a team requires a bond among players that is built on humility, effort, attitude, respect & team. Moreover, and by most importantly, being able to inspire the kids to love the game and this only happens when an emphasis is strongly placed on FUN!