

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!



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