

Coaching Education:

- CSA B Part 2 (National) – certified
- CSA Children's Licence – trained
- CSA Learning Facilitator

Personal Background & Pathway into Coaching:

Mike was born in Saskatoon and discovered his passion for soccer at a young age, playing in the local grassroots program. After his family moved to Alberta, he spent many years of his youth in the Calgary soccer system and various provincial programs. Freshly graduated, he moved back to Saskatoon to attend the University of Saskatchewan where he completed his Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy Analysis, followed by his Bachelor of Education.

Coaching Experience:

Since returning to Saskatoon, Mike has been heavily involved in the Saskatchewan soccer community. Starting off as a volunteer coach with Eastside Youth Soccer Association, Mike soon became a member of the Eastside Technical Team, before taking on his current position as Technical Director in 2016.

In addition to his responsibilities as Technical Director with Eastside, Mike has been engaged with number provincial team programs, including his role as male head coach of Team Saskatchewan at the Western Canada Games in 2019. Alongside coaching athletes, Mike is recognized as a certified learning facilitator, he has helped to elevate the coaching standard in Saskatchewan by delivering multiple Canada Soccer B and C Licence courses.

Coaching Philosophy:

Mike sees himself as an ambassador of the game valuing the parallels of soccer shares with life by encouraging athletes to explore the relationship between the principles. By motivating players to gain an understanding of these principles and supporting their effective use in games, he helps discover and develop their individual soccer identities. As athletes come to appreciate their unique identities including personal strengths and weaknesses, they build the foundation for soccer excellence.



Michael Gramiak
Eastside Technical Director