

2019 Outdoor Coach of the Week

Joff Orquia

U6 Timbits Girls Team 04 T/T - Orquia



Nominated by: Julie Dandeneault

Before soccer my daughter was shy, introverted and a little unsure of herself. Since soccer and because of Joff's incredible and seemingly effortless engagement with the Raptors team, she has just flourished in all areas. She was an excited and proud player escort for Edmonton FC, she even wants to sign up for indoor soccer. Joff's encouragement, his positive can-do yet easy going attitude just let's these kids have fun and also want to do their absolute best. I seriously never thought I would be the Mum loving the game this much from the sidelines but this team and their coach leave us no option!

U9 Girls - Ulrickson



Nominated by: Tammy Shoaf

I feel coach Brad AND his assistant coach Scotty Todd both deserve to be recognized by the SPDSA as not only do they volunteer to coach our girls, they do it with excitement and they make each practice and game a fun experience for the girls. Both coaches work together to encourage team play. Nobody is assigned the star player role and it is reinforced to the girls that each position is important as is each player. They have planned pizza party's and organized being part of a city tournament for the girls. They make each practice and game fun with being a little goofy and silly, whereby still doing a great job of teaching the girls how to play this great game. It has been a fantastic season and a pleasure to have our daughters coached and mentored by these two phenomenal dads!

U9 Phoenix Boys - Miskolzie



Nominated by: Poonam Reddy

I have seen how Coach Les keeps his cool with this bunch of U9 who at times can be a handful. He has tremendous passion and knowledge for the game and it translates in how he teaches. He is stern when required but he also has fun with the kids. We have been on a losing streak but coach Les is always there motivating the kids and not letting the loses get in the way of team morale. He is always there early for the practices and games. That requires a lot of self discipline and responsibility. He is patient with the impatient boys!!! Deserves my respect

U6 Boys - Agnew

Nominated by: Jana Harper

I've nominated Kyle Agnew and Kory Bracegirdle for Coach of the Week because they show all the kids on the team respect and engage with them using soccer. The coaches show patience with the children and help instill a love for the game.

U15 Boys - Swain



Nominated by: Jacquie Surgenor

Jason is always so positive and has fun with the boys. He's pretty much on his own with no assistant coach or help for the most part. It's been a tough season for the boys as they've faced some insanely good teams in EMSA, but he stays positive and gives the boys small things to work on and improve. My son really enjoys him as a coach.

U13 Girls - Crispens - Myren

Nominated by: Shannon Abercrombie & Nikki Smyth

Coach Bre and Coach Carolyn have given a lot of time to these girls, and that is leading them to a successful season. They have managed a bronze medal in the SPDSA tournament and a silver in Camrose. They are also teaching them that winning isn't everything and will pull the big scorers back to give other girls the chance to get goals for the season. If there is a hard loss, we see a positive email from the coaches to tell the girls what DID go right and what they can be proud of. Most of all it is great to see two strong women role models teaching sportsmanship, modelling an active lifestyle and encouraging these girls to compete!

Bre and Carolynn are fantastic coaches who are invested with the team. Not only do they invest their time to coach the girls, they care about the girls by encouraging them to play to the best of their abilities and to never doubt their skills. The girls play well as a team and encourage each other on the field as well. The girls are starting to develop great friendships and I believe this is all from the ice cream party that the coaches organized for team building. Our last tournament in Camrose, not only did they keep us well informed with the game times we won silver that weekend! As a parent, I appreciate the coaches that encourage your child to play to the best of their abilities, keep the team engaged, teaches them to play with integrity and encourages team work. I am thankful for their passion of the game and for investing their time!