

Coach of the Week 2016-2017 Indoor Season

Ian Humphrey - U11 Boys Phoenix



Nominated by: Multiple Members

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Ian is dedicated to the team; not just our team but both teams. He is fair, honest, assertive and his heart is for the team. Ian believes in out of soccer events for the team. We have been out for dinner and we are organizing Laser Tag in the next month. His goal is to do one team extra curricular event a month. At the beginning of practice, Ian reads SOCCER 101 to the boys. A mental strategy to get their minds warmed up before the physical warm up. His communication to the manager and the assistant coaches are outstanding and productive. His drive and enthusiasm to attend soccer tournaments in addition to our regular games is proactive. The boys really do respect Ian. They respect his assertiveness, his talks, his teachings and his ability to related to these boys. Most of Ian's days are dedicated to SPDSA and his team. Ian deserves this award HANDS DOWN!

Jason Stubbs - U8 Boys



Nominated by: Jody Lafontaine

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Coach Jason Stubbs has volunteered his time to coach Team 4 when there was no coach available to coach the team. He doesn't even have a child on the team yet he is taking the time to coach the boys.

Kevin Cundliffe - U11 Girls Phoenix



Nominated by: Kari Horiachka

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: I have had the pleasure of working with Kevin both as team manager and assistant coach. Over the past few seasons, I have seen firsthand how he goes above and beyond in every aspect of his coaching. Kevin works hard to get the most out of all his players; from the least experienced to the most skilled. Team practices are well planned, organized, challenging and fun. He coaches the girls to not only develop individual soccer and team skills, but also to be good teammates and representatives of the club. Kevin puts his heart and soul into ensuring that the girls have the best experience possible both on and off of the soccer field. Thank you so much for your extreme passion and dedication.

Rob Sorobey - U8 Girls - Team 6



Nominated by: Perry Stuparyk

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: I believe Rob Sorobey should receive Coach of the Week because he is so positive and encouraging of the girls on his team. I have never seen my step-daughter so excited for soccer!

Rob McCullough – U17 Phoenix Boys (00-01)

Nominated by: Lorraine Williams

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Rob McCullough is respectful of the players, encouraging, and a calm voice during games. My son tried out for the team this past August, having played community soccer for 11 years. Yet, Coach Rob saw something in him, and gave him the chance. Mark is thriving under his mentoring. I see this quality with all the players. I am the newbie mom, and I can see how he treats each individual player in order to give them confidence to try their best. His focus is the team growing in skills, bonding as players, and of course, to win! During games, he is there, his voice is heard, but never in a condescending way towards players. Always encouraging, always positive.

Bill Bouchard – U8 Girls Team 2



Nominated by: Lisa Ross

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Coach Bill has taken our daughter who is new to soccer and in a short couple months has made her into a soccer player! She started out skipping everywhere the first game with minimal soccer skills (I'm sure he sighed and knew he had his work cut out for him!!). Coach Bill has done an incredible job being patient to teach her skills & some strategies for games while also setting the bar of what he expects of her to achieve for herself..... at the same time he's raising the bar higher for the rest of the team who are light years ahead of her in skills! She is applauded every time she touches the ball in game play but is also reminded what she can be doing to improve. He has such an incredible balance of Patience, encouragement and expectations set. She has been very Blessed to land on this team with an awesome coach and Teammates! The Girls are encouraged to have FUN and to also work hard and do their personal best.

Chris Mitchell – U4 Team 2

Nominated by: Charity

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Chris Mitchell has done a great job of creating a team feeling among they kids. He adds skills and challenges to each weeks recommended program. He sees kids who are uncomfortable and includes them, often providing 1:1 encouragement, role-modelling g and demonstrations. He has learned everyone's names and helps team mates recall other team mate's names. He is energetic and enthusiastic!

Travis Nicks – U14 Girls Phoenix Tier III



Nominated by: Eileen Purschke

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Coach Travis Nicks provides a positive learning environment for his players to improve. Encourages a positive team attitude & good sportsmanship. Stresses the value of teamwork to be successful. Teaches his players that with hard work & determination, anything is possible. He does not give up on any player & works with each member of his team to make them better & build their confidence. Encourages his players to enjoy time off the field with one another.

Barry Achtymichuk – U14 Boys Team 4

Nominated by: Andreas Wielens

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Barry is very encouraging to the boys and makes sure their skills set improves regardless of how the games go score wise . He is always positive and focuses on making the boys better individually and you see it with kids really enjoying going to games and practices regardless of whether they won or lost the prior game -

Glenn Surgenor – U8 Girls Team 5



Nominated by: Nicole Gerbrandt

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Glenn is a patient and kind coach with the girls. He is compassionate and has taught the girls on the team so much. The improvement that I have seen not only in my daughter but in all of the girls on the team has been amazing. He makes their practises fun while teaching them important parts of the game that will help them keep improving when they do play games. He then implements those into the game and does a great job of explaining to the girls how what they learned in practice can be put to use in the game. His patience and determination with the girls is very impressive. Girls can be hard to rein in and he is always able to get their attention without raising his voice. He is always trying to teach them something new and have them work together as a team. The little things he does also make him a great coach. This includes bringing snacks to share with the girls in between periods of a game. He never asks other parents to bring anything, he just does it himself. Also he makes sure everyone is aware of games and practices by using Team Pages. This I know has helped me to make sure we make games and practises. My daughter had him as a coach for outdoor soccer and was excited to have him as her coach for indoor. This speaks to the person and coach that he obviously is.

Steve Cicchini – U16 Girls



Nominated by: Barney Murphy

Please explain why you feel this coach should be awarded the Coach of the Week: Steve from day one, has always shown passion for the game and a genuine positive attitude to teach our girls. He makes sure that the girls always show proper educate and respect for the game and players. Works hard to increase the girls skill level and to move them forward. Glad that our daughter got him for a coach this year.