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Adrian Parrish of Kentucky named to lead Regional Coaching Efforts

Adrian Parrish of Lexington, Kentucky was selected today to serve on USASA's Coaching Development Committee in an announcement made by Regional Director Bruno Trapikas.

Parrish, recipient of USASA's Regional Coach of the Year Award in 2009, will be working closely with Aleks Mihailovic, National Chairman of the Coaching Development Committee, in a revitalized effort to develop expanded licensing of coaches at the Adult level.

Mihailovic, commenting on Parrish's appointment, stated, "I am thrilled to have an individual of Adrian's caliber joining this team. He will bring much value to the effort." Trapikas added, "Parrish has shown that he has the drive and the character to contribute significantly to the Region and to USASA as a whole. We are most happy that he has been able to identify the time and the energy needed to address this added responsibility."



A native Englishman, Parrish arrived in this country at the turn of the century. Adrian spent several years on the east coast sharpening his coaching skills, prior to coming to Lexington, Kentucky in 2005, where he has been a driving force in helping to transform soccer in that state over the last four years. Parrish has held a USSF "A" license since 2004, and is currently completing his UEFA "A" as well.

As Director of Coaching for the Kentucky Youth Soccer association, Adrian runs the State Olympic Development Program, assists the USSF in holding "C" License Courses, and designs and writes coaching curriculums. Endowed with a patience, drive, and avid passion for the game, Parrish soon became Head Coach of the Kentucky Wanderers' Women's and Men's Soccer teams, leading the Men to a first place finish in league play, a State Cup Championship, and semifinal and final appearances in successive years at the USASA National Cups Region II Finals in Men's Amateur Cup play. Last year, his Women's squad won Kentucky's Tournament of Champions, and also reached the Regional Finals in the USASA Women's Cup - - another first for the Bluegrass State.

Adrian Parrish targets growth of the adult game by seeking out and keeping young adults who have played in ODP in soccer out of and beyond college. He has also obtained sponsorships which have resulted in helping players obtain summer jobs and has been instrumental in developing the transition from youth to adult play.

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