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# Press Release



## Adrian Parrish Named New Director of Coach and Player Development by Kentucky Youth Soccer



**Lexington, KY, August 28, 2005**

After a long and thorough nationwide search, Kentucky Youth Soccer Association (KYSA) is pleased to announce that Mr. Adrian Parrish has accepted the position as the new State Director of Coach and Player Development.

Parrish replaces Fran Kulas who resigned in June to accept the position of Athletic Director with the Archmere Academy in Claymont, Delaware.

A native of Louth, England, Parrish comes with an extensive playing and coaching background and is expected to begin his employment on October 24, 2005. Parrish and his wife, Kelly, currently live in Williamsville, NY; they are expecting their first child in the near future. They will be relocating to the Lexington area later this year.

Parrish currently possesses a USSF 'A' coaching license, "UEFA" B, and a National Youth License and he brings a wealth of playing, coaching and administrative experience to KYSA.

Parrish is familiar with all levels of youth soccer and has over 10 years of coaching and administrative experience with recreational and select players in both England and the United States. He has a diploma in BTEC in National Sports and Leisure from North Lincs College.

Parrish has served as a Head Olympic Development Program coach for the New York West Youth Soccer Association and recently offered the opportunity to joined the US Youth Soccer Region I Olympic Development Coaching Staff. He is experienced in leading and teaching US Soccer and US Youth Soccer coaching courses, youth modules, training sessions, clinics and symposiums.

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Parrish played extensively at the youth level with Boston United and briefly at the professional level also with Boston United in Lincolnshire, England in the Vauxhall Conference. After suffering a career ending injury attempting to break through as player in the professional ranks, Adrian opted to remain in the game by started a soccer coaching career. His career included serving as the Grimsby Town Football Club (English Division 2) Youth Development Officer, making him one of the youngest full-time professional coaches in all the English Soccer Leagues.

Subsequently Parrish moved to the United States where he served as Assistant Director of Coaching and later Director of Coaching for Britannia Soccer USA, a Washington DC metro area coaching organization.

In 2003, Parrish accepted the position of Director of Coaching for the Amherst Soccer Association near Buffalo, NY. At Amherst Soccer, Parrish worked with both the in-house and travel programs. The House program included U-6 through U17 where emphasis was placed on development of basic soccer skills, social interaction, teamwork and most importantly, having fun! The club travel program's objective was to provide an opportunity for players who both desire more advanced play and have appropriate level of knowledge, skills, and abilities While in the Buffalo, Parrish gained college coach experience with Buffalo State College.

"I believe Adrian will serve Kentucky Youth Soccer well in our Coaching Education and Olympic Development Programs" said Tim Turney, KYSA State President. "We are fortunate to have been able to bring Adrian on staff. I am confident our entire membership will find value in Adrian's experience, expertise and his personal quest for continued player, coach and parent education and development."

"I am delighted to have been offered the position of Director of Coaching with KYSA." noted Adrian Parrish. "My objectives are to build the game of soccer in the state from the recreational level through to ODP and make sure that I will use my knowledge and experience at all levels to offer the best coaching service to clubs, coaches, players, parents and of course officials."

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