## **KEVIN FLANAGAN**

Kevin Flanagan serves as the Director of the Nashville SC Academy. He brings 16 years of coaching and directing knowledge in youth soccer to the program.

Flanagan has been leading young soccer players of all ages since graduating from Jacksonville University in 2004. After playing collegiate soccer for five years (Thomas University, 1999-01; Jacksonville University, 2001-2004), Flanagan began his youth coaching career at Clay County SC as the coaching director and a youth team coach until 2007, while filling the position of assistant coach of the University of North Florida men's soccer team from 2006-2007.

He further expanded his coaching experience at North Meck Soccer Club in North Carolina for seven years, where he served as the academy's head coach, Director of Coaching and Academy Director. North Meck Soccer Club was incorporated into the Carolina Rapids Soccer Club as part of the Rapids adidas Alliance during Flanagan's tenure, an organization dedicated to building relationships between existing youth soccer clubs to benefit and develop their players.

Upon North Meck's fusion with the Carolina Rapids, Flanagan began his work within the team's academy, occupying a number of positions from 2014 to 2019, including U17 Head Coach, Director of Coaching and Player Development, DA Head Coach and Academy Director. While working with the Rapids, he held the position of Head Coach for Generation adidas Select within the club. Generation adidas works with MLS and U.S. Soccer to develop youth players across the country with the intent to be made available in the MLS Superdraft.

Directly before coming to Nashville SC, Flanagan was named Academy Director at Charlotte Independence Soccer Club, the academy of Charlotte's USL team. Formed in the spring of 2019, Charlotte Independence Soccer Club serves over 12,000 members in the greater Charlotte area to develop young players.

Flanagan holds an NSCAA Adv. National Diploma from United Soccer Coaches and an "A" License, Talent Scout License, and Academy Director's License from the United States Soccer Federation.