

ZACH SALCHLI

Zach Salchli is the President of Mighty Kicks Franchising LLC and Director of Mighty Kicks Southern Kentucky. Mighty Kicks provides an early soccer experience for children ages 2-6 through preschool and daycare enrichment programs, park programs, and recreational programs. There are currently 30 Mighty Kicks franchises across 20 states. In the state of Kentucky, Mighty Kicks works with more than 1,500+ children aged 2-6 each season in Bowling Green, Owensboro, and the Lexington area. Salchli specializes in creating learning environments and curriculum that supports early learning development.

Over the past 15 years, Salchli has worked with children from the ages of 2 all the way through collegiate athletes, spending time on the coaching staff of Western Kentucky University as an assistant coach and Director of Student-Athlete Development, as well as working with high school programs at Greenwood High School and Warren Central High School in Bowling Green among coaching club soccer with various clubs in the state.

Salchli currently serves as the Pre-Academy Director for SKY Soccer Club in Bowling Green which sees over 500+ children each season ages 2-5. In this role he manages a team of staff coaches and more than 50 volunteer coaches providing training, coach education, and program support. In addition, Salchli is a member of the Coaching Education staff in Kentucky teaching Grassroots Courses and part of the Kentucky ODP staff. Salchli was the 2022 Kentucky Youth Soccer Girls Competitive Coach of the Year, 2018 Kentucky High School Girls Soccer Coach of the Year, and the 2018 United Soccer Coaches South Region Coach of the Year.

Prior to taking over Mighty Kicks Franchising, Salchli spent 12 years as an elementary school teacher and administrator and holds his M.Ed in Learning and Instruction from Vanderbilt University. He has his USSF C License, US Soccer Coach Educator Grassroots License, and United Soccer Coaches National Diploma.