



## LA Galaxy Orange County - Elite Academy Coaching Profile

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### **COACHES PROFILE (about me):**

I've been involved in soccer my whole life, whether it was playing, helping out, refereeing or coaching. I started coaching at the age of 14 as an assistant for many teams, shortly after going on to getting my qualifications whilst going through high school.

At the age of 17 I had then gained enough knowledge and was then ready to start taking on my own teams, running U5 programs, school programs and skill sessions. I have coached competitive teams at a high level, which included taking my teams to tournaments around the east coast of Australia. I have coached the professional skills clinics and been involved with USA Junior Soccer/ LA Galaxy OC for the 2016 Spring and Fall season along with the Elite league in 2017 Spring.

I have played at a high competitive level throughout my life, playing in development squads when I was younger and going through to playing in the men's league for Kingscliff District Football Club.

I love coaching and seeing players progress as they develop their skill and technique and start to understand the game! If there's one thing I've noticed over my many years of coaching it is that there is no one ever uncoachable!

"In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can" -Nikos Kazantzakis

As a coach I want to bring out the best in everyone and make sure everyone is playing to the best of their ability. I deliver coaching sessions that I wish I once had.

### **Coaching experience:**

- Kingscliff District Football Club U5-U18
- Chicago Fire summer camps
- LA Galaxy OC Skills clinics, Camps & Elite program



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- Brisbane Roar Development & schools program
- Brisbane Strikers Development programs
- SIBA soccer skills clinics, school programs & camps

## Playing experience:

- Mosman Football club
- Kingscliff Football Club Juniors
- South Gold coast development squad
- Gold coast representative teams
- Kingscliff Football Club youth & mens teams
- Junior and High school teams (multiple years)
- State teams

## QUALIFICATIONS:

FFA Grassroots Football Certificate

FFA Junior Football license

FFA Senior Football license

FFA Senior Football certificate 1

FFA Senior Football certificate 2