



Board of Directors Elections – 2022 Biography and Candidacy Statement

For Regional Board Director | East Region (I)

Chris Pruden

BIOGRAPHY:

- Playing Experience
 - WISL DI Amateur League British Tigers Men's Soccer 2007-2015
 - USL PDL- Northern Virginia Royals 2007-2008
 - NCAA DII Florida Tech Panthers Men's Soccer 2003-2007
- Professional Experience
 - U9-U12 Director of Coaching for Loudoun Soccer
 - Director of Futsal for Loudoun Soccer
 - U11 & U12 Pre ECNL-Boys Head Coach
 - Health & Physical Education Teacher at Broad Run High School
- Licenses & Diplomas
 - USSF National A-Youth License
 - USYF Futsal Level 2 Diploma
 - USYS National Youth Diploma
 - United Soccer Coaches Director of Coaching Diploma
 - United Soccer Coaches Futsal Level 1 Diploma
 - United Soccer Coaches Advanced Regional Diploma
- Education
 - B.S. in Business Administration
 - M.S. in Special Education and Teaching
 - Albert Puig Football Coaching Methodology Course
 - TOVO Institute Coaching Course
 - Brazilian Futsal Coaching Methodology Course
 - International Institute for Restorative Practices Graduate School- Conference Facilitator Training
 - International Institute for Restorative Practices Graduate School- Language and Circles Training

CANDIDACY STATEMENT:

For the past 15 years, I have served in various roles at Loudoun Soccer, Virginia Youth Soccer Association's Olympic Development Program, and Loudoun County Public Schools as a Director, Head Coach, and Educator. Serving on US Club Soccer's board would provide additional opportunities for me to serve the larger soccer community and give back to the game that has given me so much. As a proven leader in both the sports and education industries, I would bring a unique perspective to US Club Soccer's board making the most of my leadership style, care, and efforts in developing high achieving players on the field and in the community. Some of my current plans include forming partnerships between local clubs, schools, and government to provide free after school soccer and futsal programs in underserved communities in my area. One recent collaboration includes Loudoun Soccer Club, Sterling Community Center, and Loudoun County Parks and Recreation aiming to provide additional indoor and outdoor soccer and futsal playing surfaces for local community members who might not otherwise have access to such resources. Rallying community feedback and local government support, we want to utilize local resources and federally funded grant programs to make this dream a reality for the Sterling community. For far too long a lack of access to futsal courts, soccer fields, and discretionary income to play for a club have limited many potential great soccer players in our area. If given this opportunity as a member of the US Club Soccer board, I will do all I can to make sure all our communities have an equitable opportunity to be a part of this great sport. Partnered with the board and all its member clubs, I intend to expand these efforts across the Eastern Region to provide opportunities for all players to access, develop, and excel in the game of soccer.