



## Board of Directors Elections – 2022 Biography and Candidacy Statement

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### For Regional Board Director | South Region (III) *Mo Gonda*

#### BIOGRAPHY:

Mo Gonda is currently the Director of Elite Programs and the Girls ECNL Director at United Futbol Academy(GA). With 30 years of experience in coaching and director roles, Gonda's soccer journey includes stops with soccer organizations in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. Gonda's coaching experience encompasses both boys and girls, and ranges from youth to college. She currently holds a U.S. Soccer Academy Director License, U.S. Soccer Federation A License, and the Advanced National Diploma. Additionally, Gonda serves as a mentor in the SheChampions Coaching Mentorship Program. Prior to entering coaching, she played at Ilkeston Town FC in England's FA National Ladies Premier League. She was also a 3-year captain and a 4-year All-Conference Selection on the Rhodes College Women's Soccer team that was inducted into the Rhodes College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

#### CANDIDACY STATEMENT:

To remain actively dedicated, engaged and enthusiastic in any profession, a person needs to have a passion for some specific aspect of the profession. My passion is player development. I originally began coaching because I truly loved helping players become the best versions of themselves on the soccer field. This passion has only grown throughout my 30 years in the sport, and it drives me to constantly strive to provide the best environment for our players and coaches to grow both on and off the field. My varied and vast experience over the years has given me an in-depth perspective of optimal practices for facilitating all aspects of club operations. I understand the complexities and challenges that clubs face to help all their players at every level cultivate their love of the game.

Soccer is a unique arena that brings together groups from differing backgrounds and experiences while building towards a common goal. I strongly believe the utilization of my objective and equitable approach would be beneficial while serving on the board.

I welcome the opportunity to give back to the game by serving on the US Club Soccer Board and continue the great work that US Club Soccer has done thus far for players and coaches. US Club Soccer has made incredible strides to transform the club environment and I would work to maintain this level of success while helping to pave the path forward.