



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

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### For Regional Board Director | West Region (IV) *Eddie Henderson*

#### BIOGRAPHY:

**Eddie Henderson** (born September 11, 1967 in Seattle, Washington) is a retired U.S. soccer player and Director of Soccer for ISC Gunners. Henderson spent two seasons in the Western Soccer League, one in the American Professional Soccer League, one season in the Major Soccer League and seven in the National Professional Soccer League. He also played for the U.S. at the U-17 and U-20 levels, appearing in the U20 World Cup in Chile in 1987.

Henderson, the youngest of 18 children, grew up in Seattle, Washington where he played for the Seattle Kickers, a local youth club. In 1985 the Kickers won the WSUSA championship. Henderson attended O'Dea High School where he played both basketball and soccer. While in high school, Henderson was drafted by the Tacoma Stars of the Major Indoor Soccer League. However, Henderson opted for a college career and attended the University of Washington from 1985 to 1989 where he played on the men's soccer team. In 1989, he became the first UW Soccer player in the school's history to become an All American. He finished his four years with 29 goals and 21 assists and is featured in the UW Hall of fame.

Henderson spent two seasons outdoors as a forward with the Seattle Storm of the Western Soccer League (WSL). In 1988, he was selected as a first team WSL All Star. In 1989, he was a second team All Star. After graduating from the University of Washington, Henderson spent one more season with the Storm in the American Professional Soccer League, the last in its existence as it folded at the end of the 1990 season. The Tacoma Stars of the Major Indoor Soccer League drafted Henderson, but he signed with the San Diego Sockers. The Sockers cut him four games into the 1990-1991 season and he signed with the Milwaukee Wave of the American Indoor Soccer Association in January 1991. Henderson spent 2 seasons in Milwaukee before being traded to the Wichita Wings. In 1992, Henderson signed with the Wichita Wings of the National Professional Soccer League (NPSL) and remained with the team through the 1997-1998 season.

In 1994, Henderson passed the Series 7 Exam to start investing money and in preparation for an eventual career in investment banking. After retiring from professional soccer in 1998, Henderson became a full-time stockbroker in Kansas. After a very successful career as a stockbroker and bond trader, Henderson decided that he had been away from the game for too long, so he put his stockbroker career on hold and went into coaching, moving to Las Vegas NV in 2004 to become the State Director of Coaching, holding the position for 4 years. Henderson would spend 6 more years in Las Vegas, later becoming the Technical Director of Neusport Football Club and then Heat FC Nevada until eventually making his way back home to Seattle after 23 years. In 2014, Henderson had a successful stint at the Puget Sound Premier League as their Technical Director and Academy Director but moved onto ISC Gunners where he is currently employed and enjoying his time back home.



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### CANDIDACY STATEMENT:

Club DOC's and Representatives,

I, **Eddie Henderson** would like to request your individual club vote for the upcoming US Club Soccer Board of Directors election. The position of the US Club Soccer Western United States Representative Region IV is on the ballot, and this is a position that I believe I would be a strong candidate for.

### Background in US Club Soccer Region IV 2009-Present:

2016-Present	Director of Soccer ISC Gunners
2014-Present	Scout for USSF DA
2014-2016	Puget Sound Premier League Technical Director
2011-2014	Technical Director Heat FC
2009-2014	ECNL Scout
2009-Present	US Club Id2 Staff Coach
2009-2011	Director of Coaching Neusport Football Club, Las Vegas, NV

### The value I could add to the US Club BOD:

I have been a member of US Club since 2009 when I went to work for Neusport Football Club in Las Vegas Nevada-one of the original clubs in the inaugural season of the ECNL, which later became the current member, Heat FC Nevada. During my time with Heat FC, I was instrumental in getting the first US Club NPL league started in Nevada.

I was also very instrumental in helping and identifying less fortunate players and making sure those players were given an opportunity in the US Club Id2 program, as a better alternative to the expensive USYS ODP system that was in place at the time. Growing up the youngest of 18 children in Seattle, Washington where I played for the Seattle Kickers, a local youth club who made it possible for me to participate in youth soccer on a scholarship, I have vowed to continue my quest to help find those quality players with less fortunate situations and I believe that being on the BOD for US Club will not only aid that endeavor, but will also create more ideas on how to find those type of players across the country.

During my time with the Puget sound Premier League, I was able to develop and help the clubs within league come together and collaborate on a league Development academy structure that involved players from different teams within the league competing as league All-star teams that was very successful, and competed in high profile events including the NorCal College Showcase and Surf Cup.



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Lastly, in 1994, I became a licensed Stockbroker and Investment Banker during the time I was the part time Director of Coaching for Kansas Youth Soccer. My small firm with just under 6 brokers, managed just under \$40 Million Dollars for 162 clients so I have a strong background in finances and fiduciary responsibility.

In closing, during my time serving the US Club Soccer BOD and I have continued to grow as a person, coach and soccer enthusiast and I would be honored to have your vote and I vow to work hard and to be a committed board member for US Club Soccer.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Eddie Henderson

ISC Gunners

Director of Soccer

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