



## **Club Announcement**

As we move into the final months of the current season, I thought I would share the organizational structure of the Club's US Academy division for the coming season. As members are now aware, Coach Andrew Ziemer will be stepping down and assuming a Director role near his hometown with a club called Santa Rosa United. We thank Coach Andrew for his passion, energy, and leadership over the years. He was instrumental in our US Academy vision and will be missed by all!

Anticipating and planning for possible change is part of running any organization. BUSC is fortunate to be in a position that it continues to attract top coaches in the region. The announcement of the addition of Coach Billal Samy to our club as the U15 and U17 Academy coach and U15-17 competitive teams is a prime example.

Today we are excited to announce that Coach Jerry Losson will be stepping into the role of the Club's Director of US Academy. Coach Jerry has a long history with BUSC, having coached in our club for over 15 years! He has been coaching in the region for over 25 years and has his USSF "A" license. He has been a Physical Education teacher for 30+ years, serves as a mentor teacher, and has an MS in Education. Recently, Coach Jerry has served on our Club's Board of Directors, overseeing the US Academy division, while coaching our U17 & U18 Premier teams. During the 2016-17 season, Coach Losson's U17 98/99 Premier team took the championships in both NorCal State Cup and the NPL Champions League.

*"I'm extremely excited to transition from the BUSC Board Room as our USSDA representative and into a hands-on role of Director of Coaching with Ballistic United's Academy players, teams, and coaches. It is with great respect and gratitude to the BUSC Board for their support, Andrew Ziemer for establishing our USSDA foundation, and Kevin Crow for restructuring our Academy and competitive sides, including me in the process and doing so quickly and seamlessly that I wholeheartedly accept this new task."*

In addition to Coach Jerry's announcement, the 2018-19 USSDA Staff roles are listed below:

- U12 Academy: Head Coaches Kevin Thorsen/Craig Scheer
- U13 Academy Head Coach Anthony Villegas: Asst. Coach Mario Valdez
- U14 Academy: Head Coach Jordan Anderson: Asst. Coach Anthony Villegas
- U15 & U17 Academy: Head Coach Billal Samy
- Asst. Academy coordinator: Kevin Thorsen
- Academy manager: Toni Sousa
- Academy Registrar: Shawna Ziemer
- Academy Videographer: Scott Mayo
- Academy Travel Coordinator: Erik Tilley at (Peak Sports Travel)
- Academy Trainer: Stanford Medical
- Academy Sports Performance: TBD
- Academy Scout: TBD
- Academy Director: Jerry Losson

Our Club commitment will continue to be focused on individual player development. Our staff is committed to work hard, provide energy and enthusiasm for our players, and to challenge our players, all while providing a positive environment and helping our young players move towards their dreams of participating in collegiate soccer, Pro Soccer, and National teams.

~Kevin Crow, BUSC Executive Director