

Carin Thueson: Oregon Youth Soccer Association
Girls Recreational Coach of the Year



Oak Hills Soccer Club Coach

Carin, a coach with Oak Hills Soccer Club, first volunteered to coach her oldest daughter's Oak Hills Soccer team three years ago, under duress. Carin did not want to coach, but if her daughter's team did not find a coach, it would have folded. Carin, admittedly, was not a "soccer person", yet she dove in, asked a lot of questions, and utilized the club's educational resources. By the end of her first season coaching, she was hooked.

In 2018, Carin returned to coach the same team, along with another team that a different daughter plays on, and also volunteered to join the Oak Hills Soccer Board as Club Treasurer.

Now in 2020, Carin remains the Oak Hills Soccer Club Treasurer, and has also become the coach of a third team, as her youngest daughter started kindergarten in the fall. In the midst of all the uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated sports restrictions, Carin incorporated all of the COVID-19 protocols into her practices without missing a beat. Her players continued to learn, and most importantly, they were able to exercise and continue to enjoy the game of soccer with their friends. Her attention to detail with regards to player safety was superb.

Carin has come a long way with her knowledge of soccer. Arguably, however, her most amazing quality continues to be her commitment to her daughters, their teams, and the club. Nearly every evening this fall, you would find Carin on the field working and having fun with one or more of her teams.

Carin is the epitome of what a recreational soccer coach should be and Oak Hills Soccer Club is lucky to have her as a volunteer.