

Ryan Youngblood: Oregon Youth Soccer Association Administrator of the Year



United PDX Soccer Club Administrator

Ryan Youngblood, Executive Director at United PDX Soccer Club, has proven to be an impactful leader of one of Oregon's largest youth soccer clubs. Ryan's efforts help to provide soccer for nearly 3,000 players across TOPSoccer, Recreational, Youth Development Academy, Competitive and Premier teams. Ryan is dedicated to always looking for ways to positively improve the player and family experience. He contributes to all aspects of the business, on and off the field, and United PDX Soccer Club is very thankful and proud to call him their leader.

In addition to his expected club responsibilities, this year, Ryan stepped up without reservation to offer his time and knowledge to the implementation of new club systems and protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ryan shared his club's operational plan as an example for all clubs to use, and spent countless hours collaborating with clubs and OYSA to ensure a safe return to soccer for all participants. Ryan clearly showed his dedication to the youth players of our entire state soccer community and his true belief that soccer plays a positive and impactful role in the lives of our participants. Oregon Youth Soccer Association's Board and Staff thank Ryan for his dedication to this mission.

Outside of time spent coaching and directing the United PDX Soccer Club, Ryan enjoys paddleboarding, running, and spending time with his wife Jenny and son Emmett.

Ryan's Bio:

- Executive Director, United PDX Soccer Club
- Holder of USSF's National "A" License, USSF's National Youth License, and experience as a former professional player

The Son of a Coast Guard Quartermaster, Ryan spent most of his youth moving up and down the West Coast and living in coastal towns like Astoria, Coos Bay, Valdez and Petaluma. Ultimately, though, Ryan was born in Bend, Oregon and still considers that his hometown. Ryan graduated from the University of Evansville in 2003, where he played 4 years with the Purple Aces while completing his Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication. During his summers, Ryan played in the USL Premier Development League for the Cocoa Beach Expos in Florida.

After college, Ryan signed for the Portland Timbers, which brought him back to the West Coast. After playing for the Timbers, along with a season in Salt Lake City, he focused his time on his coaching development. He decided to return to the Timbers PDL team in 2009 (their inaugural season) and went on to score 11 goals in 14 appearances, ultimately being selected to the All-Conference Team. Ryan has been in Portland for 15 years now, making this the longest duration he's ever lived in one city. His coaching career includes time at Beaverton High School from 2006 to 2013, where he took a losing program and guided them in becoming league contenders and eventually State Finalists in 2010. Ryan was the Oregon Coerver Coaching Associate Director for 3 years and served as an OYSA Coaching Mentor for the USSF Coaching Education Program. In 2006, Ryan took the Boys Director of Coaching position at BSC Oregon. In 2009, he moved into the Technical Director position, where he remained until 2013. Ryan then served as the BSC Oregon Director of Operations, eventually moving into the Executive Director position prior to helping facilitate the merger between BSC Oregon and Northeast United.