

Zachary Ramirez: Oregon Youth Soccer Association
Boys Recreational Coach of the Year



Mid Valley Soccer Club Recreational Coach

Zach, a coach with Mid Valley Soccer Club, focuses his coaching style on developing each player through hard work, skill teaching, and positive reinforcement. Each player is encouraged and coached along the way. Instead of pointing out what they've done wrong, Zach always teaches them how to improve next time. He focuses on elevating players to the best of their ability. Zach constantly encourages his players and recognizes good plays and skill improvements throughout practices and games. You will often find his players encouraging and complimenting each other, which is a valuable part of excellent teamwork. This behavior definitely stems from Zach's example.

Zach also sets a tone of respect towards other coaches and referees. Even when things are not going right, he reminds players that referees are doing their best and that everyone makes mistakes. If an opposing coach is displaying negative behavior, Zach never responds to negative remarks. He tells his teams that everyone has a job on the field and their job is to play the game to the best of their ability. He tells them that some games will be difficult and sometimes even unfair, and helps them understand that this is part of the game, although a challenging one.

For recreational teams, parents usually act as coaches. Zach, however, volunteers his time to coach without having a player of his own on the team. He coaches purely because he loves it and enjoys how it provides him with the opportunity to impact the lives of his players. This year Zach is also coaching his younger brother!

Mid Valley Soccer Club, along with Zach's players and their families, feel very lucky to have Zach as a part of their soccer community!