

## ODP Directors

**Tom Lang**  
ODP Boys Director



- Head Men's Soccer Coach Southern Connecticut State University - 19 years
- 2x's NCAA National Coach of the Year
- 2x's NCAA National Champions
- 380-179-63 W-L-D Career Record
- 262-72-41 W-L-D SCSU Record
- Former Head Coach Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hofstra University, Adelphi University (Women)
- Former Professional Player N.Y. Cosmos, Caribous Colorado, Atlanta Chiefs, N.J. Americans
- Assistant Coach U.S U-18 National Team (Argentina/Uruguay International Trip)
- Former Region 1 ODP Staff Coach - 22 years

**Jim O'Brien**  
ODP Girls Director



- Fairfield University Women's Head Coach 2005-present
- CFC Head Coach
- CJSA ODP Director 2014-present
- Southern Connecticut State University Women's Coach 1995-2005
- 2014-Present - National Collegiate Athletic Association RAC Committee North East Region
- 2013-Present - National Soccer Coaches Association of America National Chair Division I Women: Top 25
- 2012 MAAC Coach of the Year
- 2008 National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas Northeast Region Coach of the Year
- 2000 Division II Northeast-10 Conference regional Coach of the year
- Coaching Certification: US Soccer National "B" License
- Coach - South Central Premier, Yankee United, Connecticut Football Club, Monroe Soccer Club
- Eight Premier league championships 1995-2012
- SCSU BS Communications
- SCSU MS Recreation

## ODP Coaches

**Nicolae Piperea**



- Norwalk Junior Soccer Youth Academy Director U7-9 Boys/Girls-2014-Present
- Norwalk Junior Soccer Association, Head Coach U-9 and U-11 Boys Soccer-2011-Present
- ODP-CT— CJSA Coach Boys Soccer – 2009-present
- Darien High School Head Coach for Boys Varsity Soccer – 2005-2010
- Darien Soccer Association Head Coach for U-13 and U-14 Boys Soccer - 2005-2011
- Jack Rabbits Gymnastics, LLC, Greenwich CT Owner, Gymnastics Instructor Director - 1999-Present
- Nicolaes Fun Soccer Club Owner, Holds soccer clinics for ages 3 to 11 - Greenwich, CT 1998-present
- Greenwich High School Head Coach for Girls Varsity Soccer - 1998-2004
- Greenwich Soccer Association GSA – 1998-2004, Coach/Director for Girls Soccer Program U9-U18
- US Academy of Gymnastics, Greenwich, CT Gymnastics Instructor 1996-1999
- Darien Soccer Club Association, Darien, CT – 1996-1998, Coached Girls' Travel U-12 and held soccer clinics for U-12 and U-13 Girls Travel Team
- Mircea Eliade High School, Bucharest Romania, Head Coach of Boys Varsity Soccer, 1992-1994
- 2010 NSCAA Cologne, Special Topics Course, International Diploma
- 2009 NSCAA Palo Alto, California Premier Diploma
- 2008 United States Soccer Federation, National "Y" Coaching License
- 2007 NSCAA Amherst, MA Advanced National Diploma
- 2007 USSF Norwalk, CT
- National "D" License
- 2003 UEFA Bucharest, Romania, "A" Diploma/License
- 1992 National Academy of Physical Education and Sports, Bucharest, Romania, Master's Degree in Soccer and Minor in Tennis

**Avi Dubnov**  
B13 Head Coach



- USSF 'A' License
- NSCAA Advanced National
- National Training Center Staff – U.S Soccer
- USSF State Staff Assessor – U.S Soccer
- Region 1 Boys – U.S Soccer
- Connecticut ODP – CJSA
- Technical Director – FSA United
- GU15 ECNL – FSA United
- Head Girls Coach – Miss Porter's School
- 2014 WWNEPSSA Coach of the Year
- Former Assistant Coach – CCSU Men's Soccer
- Former Assistant Coach – Trinity Men's Soccer
- Former Director of Coaching – SoccerPlus CT
- Former Regional Director of Coaching – MLS Camps

**Brian Chandler**  
B13 Assistant Coach



- Professional Soccer Trainer
- Connecticut Olympic Development Program Staff (10+ years)
- NSCAA Advanced National Diploma
- NSCAA National Diploma
- TEMS Boys Soccer Coach (2007-Present)
- FSA Premier Soccer Club (2014-Present); FSASoccer+ Coach (2004-2009)
- Former JV Girls Soccer Coach, Avon, CT
- Former U23 US Soccer National Team
- Former Player Harrisburg Heat
- Former Player Washington Mustangs
- Former Player Philadelphia Freedom
- NCAA Division I, Hartwick College
- NCAA Participant, 1993, 1995
- M.A, Physical Education, CCSU
- B.A., Business Management, Hartwick College

**Manuel Coello**  
B13 Assistant Coach



- NSCAA National License
- Farmington Soccer Club (2008- Present)
- ODP Assistant Coach – (2012 – Present)
- UANL University Soccer Player (Mexico)
- MBA Degree - Rensselaer

**Goran Vasic**  
B14 Head Coach



- 17-year professional player in Europe and USA
- Red Star Belgrade youth program
- Played in Yugoslavia - Serbia first and second division teams
- Played indoor in USA, Houston Hotshots, Cleveland Crunch, Philadelphia Kixx, Milwaukee Wave and NJ Ironmen
- Won 2 championships with MISL Cleveland Crunch 1998 and NPSL Philadelphia KiXX 2001
- Played Outdoor for USL Pittsburgh River Hounds 2 years
- USSF A license coach
- Assistant coach NJ Ironmen 1998-2000
- Director of Coaching Middletown Youth Soccer CT last 5 years
- Director of Coaching North Brunswick soccer club NJ 1997-2000
- Coached youth programs in Cleveland Ohio, New Jersey and Connecticut for last 14 years

**Jason Christopher**  
B14 Assistant Coach



- 2007 - Youth Soccer Module
- 2010 - USSF E License
- 2015 - First Aid Certificate
- 2015 - CPR Training
- 2012 – Referee Administrator
- 2006/07 - Head Coach - Mites division U5/6
- 2007/08 - Head Coach - Boys in house U7
- 2008/09 - Head Coach - Boys in house U8
- 2009/10 - Head Coach - Boys in house U9/10
- 2009/10 - Head Coach - Boys U9 Developmental Travel Team
- 2010/11 - Head Coach - Boys in house U9/10
- 2010/11 - Head Coach - Boys U10 Developmental Travel Team
- 2011/12 - Head Coach - Boys U11 Travel Comp Team A bracket.
- 2012/16 - CJSA ODP Trainer Boys / Girls U11/12/13/14/15
- 2012/16 – CJSA ODP Boys Coach U14/15
- 2012/Present Owner and Head coach of premier club Cobras Soccer. Head coach of boys U8-16.

**Owen Finberg**  
B15 Head Coach



- Ohio University MS Athletic Administration
- Guilford College BS Physical Education
- South Kent School Head Soccer Coach 2004-present; 185-36-22 record – 23-2-4 in New England playoffs; 9 time Western New England Preparatory School Soccer Association (WNEPSSA) Champion; 7 time New England Preparatory School Soccer Association (NEPSSA) Champion; 2 time National Prep School Champion; 2007, 2011 Western Connecticut Soccer Officials Association Sportsmanship Award
- West Nottingham Academy, Colora, MD 2000-2004; 42-22-3 record; 2003 Maryland State Independent School Soccer Championship Finalist Beachside Soccer Club 2009-present; U-18/U-19 Boys Head Coach; 2009 Thanksgiving Showcase Champions; 2010 Connecticut State Cup Champions; 2010, 2015 Region I Semi-Finalist; 2014 Jefferson Cup Champions; 2014, 2015 Connecticut State Cup Champions
- Beachside Soccer Club U-18/U-19 Boys Head Coach; 2009 Thanksgiving Showcase Champions; 2010 Connecticut State Cup Champions; 2010, 2015 Region I Semi-Finalist; 2014 Jefferson Cup Champions; 2014, 2015 Connecticut State Cup Champions
- Delaware and Connecticut Olympic Development Programs 2002-present
- Head Coach and Assistant Coach; Trained and coached various boys teams;
- Led teams in Region I tournament play Coached 2008 Connecticut team on tour of Portugal
- FC Westchester 2011-2013 U16 USSDA Co-Head Coach
- Samba Technical Training Program of Newtown 2007 U19 Boys Head Coach; CT State Cup Champions
- National Soccer Coaches Association of American National Private School Coach of the Year 2015
- Connecticut Junior Soccer Association Special Recognition Award 2015
- Member Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society 2013
- National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas Connecticut Coach of the Year and New England Private School
- Coach of the Year 2008, 2015
- Connecticut Junior Soccer Association Outstanding Young Coach 2008
- Connecticut Soccer Coaches Assn S/M Coach of the Year 2006, 2008-15
- Bonner Scholar 1995
- Member Marian Connell Chapter of National Honor Society 1994
- National Soccer Coaches Association of America – Premier Diploma
- United States Soccer Federation – “A” License
- American Red Cross CPR and First Aid Certified

**Kwame Delandro**  
B15 Assistant Coach



- Played at all levels including High School and for City College of New York
- USSF C license
- NSCAA National Diploma
- Coach New Britain Youth Soccer, Academica Football Club, Connecticut ODP

**John Donlon**  
B15 Assistant Coach

**Paul Templeton**  
B16 Head Coach



- One of the most decorated student-athletes in the Southern Connecticut Owls' storied history
- Assistant Coach in 2015 SCSU
- SCSU 3-year captain
- All-America honors as a junior
- Academic All-America College Sports Information Directors of America as a senior
- Four-time All-Conference selection and three-time selection to the Northeast-10 Conference Men's Soccer All-Academic Team
- 2010 NE-10 Defensive Player of the Year
- 2010 ECAC Defensive Player of the Year
- All-New England
- All-Region
- Academic All-Region accolades
- Played professionally with CFC Azul
- Coached South Central Premier program at multiple levels
- Head Coach at East Granby (Conn.) High School
- U12 premier coach at Cheshire Soccer Club
- Interim Director of Coaching for the spring of 2016
- Holds bachelor's degrees in exercise science and physical education from SCSU

**Sterling Smith**  
B16 Assistant Coach



- Played for the Trinidad and Tobago National Youth Team from age U14 through U20
- Captain of the Trinidad and Tobago U16 National Youth team and was name MVP and top goal scorer at the 1988 U16 Concacaf tournament
- Played in the Concacaf club championship series with Trinitoc in Trinidad.
- Played collegiate soccer at Young Harris College in GA
- Finished collegiate career at Southern Connecticut State University; reached the National Semi-Finals in 1997 and won a National Championship in 1998
- Played a few years in the CSL
- Coaching youth soccer in Connecticut for over 16 years
- Presently coaching Orange Soccer Club (Amity) and Newtown Soccer Club
- Past clubs include Norwalk and Trumbull United
- Won 5 Connecticut Cups, both boys and girls with the Orange Soccer Club
- USSF "B" Coaching License
- National Youth License
- NSCAA level 1 & 2 Goalkeeper license
- Coaching the Connecticut Olympic Development Program since 2002

**Rob Jachym**  
B17 Head Coach

- Played in MLS for NE Revolution & Columbus Crew
- 3rd pick overall in the 1997 MLS Draft
- CT Soccer Hall of Fame Class of 2010
- 2015 CSCA High School Coach of the Year
- 2014 CT H.S. Coaches Assn. Coach of the Year
- 1996 NCAA Division I All-American, America East Player of the Year
- Captained Univ. of Hartford to NCAA Div. I Elite 8 (1996)
- High School All-American, Led CT in scoring 36 Goals (1991)
- USL D2 Pro Soccer League MVP & Leading Goal scorer (2003)
- Wethersfield HS Boys Coach - 4 state titles since 2000
- Univ. of Hartford & Maloney HS Hall of Fame
- Region I Championship Winner 2013
- Region I Championship Finalist Coach 2011, 2002
- Olympic Development Program Head Coach since 2010
- 2002 CJSA Young Coach of the Year Award
- Founder/Director Soccer Revolution Academy

**Patrick Boucher**  
B17 Assistant Coach

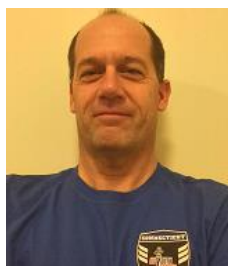
- Former University of Hartford student-athlete
- Awarded full athletic scholarship.
- 4-year starter
- Former High School All-American and 2007 Connecticut Gatorade, Hartford Courant player of the year at Cromwell High School
- Coached 5 years at Connecticut Soccer School under Dan Gaspar
- YPDP coach 2013-present
- Coach for FSA juniors 2014-2015
- Coach for Middletown Youth Soccer 2013
- Current assistant coach for ODP U-17 boys
- Played Professionally for Western Mass Professional Soccer club. Played every minute of 2015 season where we went undefeated and lost in the American Soccer League championship

**Neill Miles**  
G13 Head Coach



- ODP U13 Girls Head Coach
- NJ Girls Academy U10, U14, U15, U16 Coach
- NSCAA National Staff Instructor
- Formerly ODP U15 Girls Head Coach 2015
- Formerly AFC Bournemouth U15 Youth Coach
- Coached in UK, Germany, Indonesia, US
- Played Semi Professional for Poole Town, Bashley, Wimbourne Town in UK, Professional USYL Virginia, US.

**Todd D'Alessandro**  
G13 Assistant Coach



- Ethel Walker School, Simsbury, CT. – Head Varsity Coach 2013 to present
- E.O. Smith High School, Storrs, CT – Assistant Boys Varsity Coach 2008 to 2012
- USSF National National "D" license
- CJSA Youth Development Program - staff coach 2013 to 2015
- CJSA ODP Girls staff Coach 2014 to present
- University of Connecticut Men's Junior Varsity Soccer Head Coach 1988 to 1989
- Lowell United Red Devils - Semi professional player (Luso American Soccer League) 1988-89
- University of Connecticut Men's Varsity Soccer 1985 to 1987
- All Big East Selection Men's Soccer 1987
- John Y. Squires Award University of Connecticut 1987
- NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament Final 16 - 1985, 1987
- Parade High School All America Honorable Mention 1984
- NSCAA All New England High School Soccer 1984
- Farmington High School Boys Soccer Class M State Champions 1982
- Most Valuable Player CT. Class M Boys Soccer State Championship Tournament 1982
- Connecticut Junior Soccer Association U-18 Select Team 1982-1984

**Alistair Lonsdale**  
G13 Assistant Coach

**Michael Diker**  
G14 Assistant Coach  
&  
G15 Head Coach



- Michael has been an ODP Coach for three years
- CJSA premier head coach for 20 years
- US Soccer Academy coach for 2 years
- High school coach for 3 years
- National US Soccer Federation "D" and "E" License
- Many youth certifications

**Jeremy Wilson**  
G14 Assistant Coach  
&  
G15 Head Coach



- USSF B License
- USSF National Youth License
- NSCAA Premier Diploma
- 8 years ODP Staff Coach
- 7 years Region 1 Staff Coach
- Director Sporting CT
- Asst. Coach Wesleyan University - Women's Soccer
- 16 years Premier Coaching Experience in CT
- 1996 – Played Middletown High School
- 2004 – Played Worcester Flames, PASL Indoor League

**Amber Dubnov**  
G14 Assistant Coach



- Played Southern Connecticut State University
- Coach Manhattanville College Assistant Coach
- Coach Wesleyan University Assistant Coach
- Coach 7th year of ODP
- National D License

**Whitey  
Budreckas**  
G15 Assistant Coach



- Notre Dame High School Boys Soccer Program
- Wilton Soccer Association Boys and Girls Teams
- Wilton High School Varsity Boys and Girls Teams
- Brian McMahon High School Varsity Boys Team
- Connecticut Olympic Development Staff Coach 30+ years
- High School and Premier Teams
- Lithuanian Youth Soccer Program
- Connecticut Girls Soccer Coach Association Hall of Fame 2004
- Connecticut Coach of the Year
- Fairfield County Coach of the Year
- Six Connecticut High School State Titles
- Nine County Championships
- Region I 16-year-old champions
- Fifteen Connecticut State Championships
- Four trips to Connecticut State Finals
- Founded Wilton High School Soccer Boosters Club
- Staff Member and Director of Wilton Soccer Association
- Player Development Instructor Wilton Soccer Association
- Ranked Nationally in the top ten high school teams
- Coached Kristine Lilly on high school and Connecticut premier teams
- Coached Ken James, national player 16 and 17 year olds
- 15 All American players
- 34 All New England players
- 30 All State players
- Traveled with teams to Denmark and England and with US Women's National Team to China

**Michelle DeSanti**  
G16 Assistant Coach



- National D-License for coaching
- Played ODP throughout youth career
- Recruited and played at University of Hartford for 4 years, starting and playing every game
- All America East Conference player 2010 & 2011
- University of Hartford Captain 2010 & 2011
- Coaching ODP for 3 years

**Magnus Nilerud**  
G16 Head Coach  
&  
G17 Assistant Coach



- 18th season as head coach of the Women's Soccer Program at the University of Bridgeport
- Graduate University of Bridgeport in 1999
- Played University of Bridgeport 1995-1998; four-year starter and captain
- Two time All-New England Conference
- Selected to play in the Senior Bowl
- Co-Director of CT Summer Select
- NCAA FINAL FOUR 2015
- NCAA Tournament 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015
- ECC Tournament Champions 2009, 2013, 2015
- ECC Regular Season Champions 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015
- SFF (Swedish Football Federation) B License
- USSF C License
- NSCAA Director of Coaching Diploma
- NCAA Championships National Chair

**Jon Cohn**  
G17 Head Coach  
&  
G16 Asst Coach



- Connecticut ODP Coach (2006-Present)
- Head Coach Manchester High Schools Girls Varsity (2007-Present)
- Coach for FSASoccerPlus F.C. (2004-2010)
- Coach for Farmington Soccer Club (2000-2010)
- Assistant Coach Northwest Catholic High School Boys Varsity (2006)
- Girls JV Head and Varsity Assistant Coach at E.O. Smith (1982)
- Played at Curry College in Milford Mass
- Played in the SNEASL and SASL adult soccer leagues for over 30 years

## Goalkeeper Coaches

**Christian Benjamin**  
B13, B14 GK Coach



- Olympic Development Staff and goalkeeper coach on and off since 2000
- Creator of the nationally renowned goalkeeper education and equipment resource Keeperstop
- Assistant coach and goalkeeper coach at Central Connecticut State University Mens Soccer 2007 to Present
- Former assistant coach and goalkeeper coach at MIT and Framingham State Womens Soccer
- Clinician for travel and premier organizations in youth development and goalkeeper training
- USSF and NSCAA licensed

**Shelby Little**  
G13 GK Coach



- National D-License Coach
- Goalkeeper Level 1 Certification
- Played Semi Professional- 3 Seasons for SoccerPlus CT Reds, WPSL, 2010-2012
- Played for University of Hartford- Division I- 2009- 2012
- Played for CFC 2006-2009
- E.O. Smith High School Varsity Keeper-2005-2008  
All Conference, All State, Hartford Courant Goal Keeper of the year and All State Team
- Played CT ODP- 2002-2008
- ODP Goalkeeper Coach 2014-Present
- ODP U13 Girls Assistant Coach 2014-Present
- 4 years of Premier Club Coaching
- Goalkeeper Coach Northeast United 2015- present
- Northeast United Girls U10 and U14 Assistant Coach 2015-present
- Goalkeeper Coach Dutch Football Academy 2014- 2015
- Dutch Football Academy - U14, U15 and U17 Girls Coach 2014- 2015
- Goalkeeper Coach Sporting CT - 2012- 2013
- Sporting CT -U16 Girls Coach- 2012- 2013

**Ryan West**

B15, B16, B17  
Goalkeeper Coach

- Played two years at Mitchell College
- Goalkeeper of the Year Mitchell College
- Rookie of the Year Mitchell College
- 1st team AD3I All-Independent Mitchell College
- 2006 AD3I Northeast Regional Champions Mitchell College
- U23 State Cup finalist
- Played one year at Springfield College on the Varsity team
- Head Freshman coach at NBHS from 2010 to 2012
- Assistant coach for Plainville Travel Soccer 2009 to 2012 (U8 to U14) and head coach 2012 to 2013 (U11).
- Holds a USSF "D" License
- Holds a NSCAA Goalkeeping Level 1 License
- Head coach of the U11 and U12 boys Foundation SC (2013-present)
- Goalkeeping coach at the Foundation SC (2013-present)
- Keepstop.com goalkeeper training (2014-present)

**Kathleen Early**

G14, G15  
Goalkeeper Coach

**Annmarie  
Catania**  
G16, G17  
Goalkeeper Coach

- Rocky Hill High School girls varsity coach 2012- current
- CFC wolves boys and girls
- Keeper coach 2002- 2016
- Keeper coach for New England Mutiny 2012
- Keeper coach for CFC Passion 2013
- Group and individual training since 1991
- Mitchell College Hall of Fame 1994
- CT HS Girls Hall of Fame 2004
- Rocky Hill Athletic Hall of Fame 2003
- All American HS keeper 1986
- All American Mitchell College keeper 1987
- Player for CT ODP All State team 1983,84,85,86,87