

The Summit Soccer Club

From the President and Technical Director



To: SSC Players and Families

From: Dustin & Nick

We wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU for your time, commitment and effort on behalf of Summit Soccer Club. With tryouts upon us, we wanted to share our vision for the club.

Our future is bright and positive with much potential for growth as a club and for the players with in our club. SSC has secured the services of Nick Garcia as our Technical Director. Nick joined the KC Wizards in 2000 after winning the NCAA Men's National Championship with Indiana University in 1998 & 1999. After 8 yrs with the Wizards, Nick played for the San Jose Earthquakes in 2008 and Toronto FC in 2009 & 2010. Internationally, Nick played in the U20 World Youth Championships in Nigeria in 1999 and has 6 caps with the U.S. Men's National Team. He will provide invaluable leadership and direction for creating an environment that will focus on developing players through professional coaches in a club culture that supports this new direction.

The number of teams wanting to join our club continues to grow. SSC is unique because it has a place for players of all levels along the player development process. SSC continues to create a reputation for developing quality soccer players and building positive character traits in the young men and women who choose to grow with in our club.

Our Academy Program is one area of programming that will afford players an additional means to augment the development of individual playing ability. The addition of an academy training night will allow all SSC players to develop their individual soccer skills. We will also be adding age appropriate speed and agility training with the assistance of a local sports science team that will aid all SSC players to become stronger teammates for all SSC teams.

Nick has committed to hosting regular coaching forums for our coaching staff so SSC can adopt a uniform style of play that will support our players and continuously build on a strong but broad foundation as they transition through Summit Soccer Club.

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This year we celebrated the 18th anniversary of Salsa Soccer and the 10th anniversary of the Missouri Mule Tournament with both events experiencing nearly 30% growth in the last year. Summer Solstice 3v3 league has seen tremendous growth and we have added new partnerships with Belton Parks and Recreation and the KC Sports Lodge.

Moving forward, SSC has plans for expanding the number of coaches in the club with Nick's level of experience, developing a dedicated academy training facility as well as advancing teams that will soon challenge at Missouri State Cup.

Every year, coaches, teams and parents make choices about what club is going to best fit their individual soccer needs going forward. Should they choose to leave SSC we wish them well. That being said, we feel that Summit Soccer Club remains committed to investing in the development of players and establishing teams that will be able to compete at every level of youth soccer.

Feel free to direct your questions and concerns to us at info@summitsoccerclub.org or you can reach Dustin by phone at 816.809.0558 or Nick by phone at 913.787.1536.

We look forward to seeing you at tryouts this weekend! To sign up for tryouts and find your age appropriate time, please see the tryout flyer at www.summitsoccerclub.org.

Dustin Coutts & Nick Garcia