



Zdravko Popovic

Zdravko Popovic is one of the most successful soccer coaches in the country. He is a USSF 'A' Licensed Coach, who has worked with youth to elite US level players. Among many of his accomplishments as a coach include – USASA National Women's Coach (1998-2004), USASA Regional II Women's Select Coach, US Olympic Sports Festival Coach (1997 gold medal winners), US Soccer Festival Coach (1992, 1996 Silver Medalists) and 1997 All-star Coach who led the team to defeat the US National Team 1-0, as well as youth and open coach for the Internationals program, and the US Youth Olympic Development State and Regional Programs (2001 OYSAN Coach of the Year). Most of his work has been with girls' and women's teams. With Internationals' youth teams, he has captured the most state and regional titles than any other program in Ohio-North and has helped to develop over 200 state team members. Over fifty of his players have advanced to regional teams, and many have advanced to the national team level. In addition, he has also coached high school boys and has been offered the head coaching position for the Canton Invaders, a professional indoor soccer team. Zdravko held official licenses at the USSF State, NCAA National, NPSL Professional levels. He has officiated at all levels including play-offs and championships. In recognition of this efforts to youth soccer, Canton Stark County Convention and Visitors Bureau awarded Zdravko the "Hometown Hero" in 1996 for his outstanding work on the Internationals Soccer Tournament.

COACHING

1976 to present

- USSF "A" License Coach.
- 2007 Super Y League 3 National Champions – Internationals U13, U15, and U16 Girls.
- Internationals W-League (semi-pro) Head Coach – 2004 to present.
- 2006 US Club Youth National Championships - Internationals U12 Girls.
- 2006 Snickers Youth National Championships - Internationals U16 Girls.
- 2005 Super Y League National Champions – Internationals U13 Girls.
- USASA National Women's Coach: 1998 to 2004.
- 2004 Super Y League National Champions – Internationals U14 Girls.
- 2002 Snickers Youth National Championships - Internationals U16 Girls.
- USASA Region II Women's Select Coach: 1990 to 1998.
- United States Olympic Sports Festival Coach: 1990 to 1996.
- United States Soccer Festival Coach – 1997 Regional Champions.
- United States Soccer Festival Tournament All-Star Coach – 1997 defeated U.S. Women's National Team 1-0.
- United States Soccer Festival Coach (San Antonio, TX) – 1996 Silver Medallists.
- United States Olympic Sports Festival Coach (Denver, CO) – 1995 Gold Medallists.
- Women's National Soccer Festival Coach (Boston, MA) – 1992 Silver Medallists.
- Internationals Women's Open Team – National Cup Finalists – 1993.
- Internationals Women's Open Team – won the Tournament of Champions eight out of eleven times participating – the only club to retire the traveling trophy (1992,1998).
- Midwest Regional Champions – 6 Regional Titles with the Internationals.
- State Select Coach – Ohio-North Women: 1988 to 1992.
- U.S. Youth Olympic Development State and Regional Staff Member – 1990-1999.

- Super Y League ODP Regional Coach.
- NAISC Indoor National Championships – 29 National Titles with the Internationals.
- Five-time NAISC Girls Indoor National Club Champions – 1996/97/98/99/00.
- Director of Coaching and Development for Hudson Soccer Association (1400+ members): 1993 to 1997.
- State Instructor for the United States Coaching School - 1990's.
- Have coached at all levels from high school boys (Hoban H.S. in 1976) to being offered the head coaching job for the Canton Invaders professional indoor soccer team in 1989 and 1996.

ADMINISTRATION

- President, co-Owner, and Director of Coaching – Internationals Soccer Club
- Founded and organized the 500+ member club sponsoring 30+ teams. Complete responsibility for directing the accounting, advertising, recruiting, equipment, scheduling, travel, and facilities for teams that travel extensively while competing nationally and internationally. The club's boys and girls teams have dominated at the state level since 1991. They have been winning or placing at the top, amongst the best teams at some of the best tournaments at regional, national and international competitions. In 1996, the boys U14 and U16 teams placed first in the Dana Cup in Denmark. Never before have any teams from the United States won this tournament in two different age groups in the same year. Eleven current and former members of the Internationals have played on U.S. National Teams ranging from U14 to the full team. In addition, over forty current and former members have reached the semi-pro and professional levels.
- Director of Soccer Operations for the Pinnacle Sports Complex – 2002 to present.
- Organize and direct indoor and outdoor tournaments drawing fields in excess of 300 teams.
- Organize, develop and direct day and overnight camps.
- Director of Development and Coaching for the Hudson Soccer Association – 1993 to 1997.
- Presented the “Hometown Hero” award by Canton Stark County Convention and Visitor's Bureau for outstanding work on the Internationals Soccer Tournament – November 1996.

OFFICIATING

- USSF State – NCAA National – NPSL – Professional.
- Officiate at every level from high school, college, USSF through professional, including play-offs and championships.
- Voted High School Official of the Year eleven times.
- Conduct clinics for outdoor and indoor game officials.