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Industry Expert and Seasoned Coach David Griffiths Joins Washington Youth Soccer

FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON (Monday, September 21, 2009) – Washington Youth Soccer welcomes David Griffiths to the State Office staff to oversee membership development and community outreach programs. Griffiths will support, expand and execute current and new member programs and facilitate new community outreach programs to promote physical fitness and local soccer opportunities to all children across Washington State.

Previously, Griffiths was a coach in the “Football in the Community Program” at Cardiff City Centre of Development in the U.K. During his time in the Football in the Community Program, Griffiths traveled to local schools to spread fitness education through soccer, giving him insider knowledge of best practices in implementing community programs. With over a decade of coaching experience and a proven track record of successfully implementing soccer outreach programs, Griffiths is well aligned to bring soccer and healthy lifestyle education to kids across Washington.

“This new role is a vital part of Washington Youth Soccer’s growth and the goal of bringing soccer to *all* kids,” said Terry Fisher, Executive Director, CEO Washington Youth Soccer. “Griffiths’ soccer expertise, coupled with his well rounded background in coaching and community outreach give him a unique skill set that will serve this role phenomenally and we are thrilled to have him join the team.”

Griffiths is a UEFA B License coach and a NCSF Certified Physical Trainer; has trained in the P.E.P.S. injury prevention program and also holds the NSCAA Adv. Keepers Award. Griffiths previously served in the roles of Technical Director of Westside United Program and Men’s and Women’s Head Coach at Garfield 4A High School. However, recently he has been in the role of Seattle Sounders FC Staff Coach and in positions such as Washington State ODP B96 Assistant Coach and a Physical Education teacher at South Seattle Community College.

“With the recent explosion of soccer enthusiasm across the state, Washington Youth Soccer has the unique opportunity to bring education on the importance of healthy habits to children and increase participation in soccer and active lifestyles with those kids,” said Griffiths. “I am truly thankful to have the opportunity to serve in such an exciting role during this growth period for Washington Youth Soccer.”

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About Washington Youth Soccer

Washington Youth Soccer is the largest youth soccer organization in Washington. Washington Youth Soccer is the state's affiliate for US Youth Soccer, which is the largest sports organization in the United States and the most populous member of the United States Soccer Federation, the governing body for soccer in the United States. The Washington Youth Soccer is the sixth largest membership in the nation; our organization represents over 128,000 players (ages 4-19) and their families, 15,000 coaches on 12,000 teams and 6,500 referees in the state of Washington. Washington Youth Soccer's mission is to foster the physical, mental and emotional growth and development of the State of Washington's youth through the sport of soccer at all levels of age and competition.

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