

Biographical notes for Richard G. Chisolm

Professional

Richard Chisolm is the Technical Director for Wesley Chapel Soccer Club, with responsibility for coaching education and development, curriculum, and recreational programming oversight. He joined the club in this role in March 2017, also serving as head coach of the 07 Girls Red team which advanced to Commissioner's Cup semifinals in March 2018.

He currently holds the US Soccer "A" License, National Youth License, and Goalkeeping Licenses, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Florida (1996).

Richard has worked as a coaching education instructor on behalf of Florida Youth Soccer and US Soccer since 2003, having served as Assistant Director of Coaching for Florida Youth Soccer from 2013-2016. In that role, he was principally responsible for all aspects of coaching education programming for one of the largest state associations in the United States. During that time, FYSA staged more coaching courses than at any other time in its history.

Richard has also been active in United States Youth Soccer ODP, currently serving as a staff coach in the Region III Boys ODP program since 2010. He initially was appointed to the FYSA ODP program in 2002, where he has worked in a wide range of roles, including age group team head coach (Boys '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95) as well as Head Goalkeeping coach (Boys and Girls) from 2004-16.

Richard has nearly 30 year's club management and coaching director experience with Temple Terrace (1991-93), New Tampa (1996-99, 2001-4), BlackWatch (2005-8), Space Coast United (2008-11), Tampa Fusion FC (2011-12), and Clearwater Chargers (2012-13). Most recently, Richard was Executive Director for Florida Hawks FC in Lithia, Fl, from 2016-2017.

He has also coached at the scholastic level (Tampa Prep, Berkeley Prep, Independent Day School, and Merritt Island), where his teams have won 10 FHSA Regional championships, 3 semifinal appearances, 1 final appearance, and 6 state championships.

Personal

Raised in Alexandria, Virginia, Richard discovered soccer while playing after school with the children of the embassy diplomatic staffs from around the world during the 1960s. Eventually, he played in the Annandale Red Wings team that won the McGuire Cup (U19 National championship) in 1976.

Richard was a 4 sport athlete at Salisbury (CT) School, where he won 3 state championships in soccer, 2 in wrestling, and won a Silver medal representing the United States at the 1973 World Junior Olympic rowing championships.

On graduation, he attended the University of Virginia, where he played soccer at the collegiate and club level. In his final year at Virginia, the team won 20 games and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. Richard was twice named to the all-ACC men's soccer list, once as a field player and once as a goalkeeper. While at Virginia, Richard also served as President of Charlottesville United, which grew from one team to be the largest

student organization at the University. Richard accepted an invitation in November 1979 to try out for the Racing Paris organization, and played professionally at various levels from 1979-81, including 18 first-team selections in the French First Division.

Richard has one grown son, and now lives on a small farm in Zephyrhills FL, with his partner Jenny, two dogs, four horses, and 8 cats.