

Coach's Name: Manuel E. Prado

Professional Qualifications/Education

Brief playing history:

Played soccer for the Varsity Team at Pacific High School in San Bernardino, Ca.

Played college soccer for CSUSB.

Trained with the California Emperors from the now defunct APSL.

Licenses: USSF B License

Coaching Experience:

My first coaching experience came in 1994 with the Rialto Warriors, Boys U11 team. Up to this point coaching had not been something I had considered, but I really enjoyed the kids' enthusiasm for the game, so I started working on my credentials.

During my D license accreditation, a manager from another team approached me and asked if I would be interested in coaching a girls team. At first I was hesitant, but after much prodding and watching the girls play, I agreed. This new endeavor led to many years of very successful seasons and tournaments with the Riverside Wild Things/Corona Elite. Several of these girls went on to form part of the ODP and college teams.

Attaining my coaching credentials allowed me to also form part of ODP candidates selection process in the San Bernardino area.

Presently I form part of the coaching staff for Real SC in Boise.

Personal History:

I grew up playing street soccer, in Ecuador, with the boys in my neighborhood when I was about 6 years old. No structure, all that was needed was enough space to run around and a ratty ball, sometimes filled with old socks to keep it from losing its shape. I've been hooked ever since.

My first team in California was the Kickers in AYSO. I also played with my dad for the Norton AFB team when I was 15 years old. As an adult I have played in various leagues throughout Southern California, some with success, others not so much. Currently, I try to make pick up games around the Boise area in my free time away from coaching.