



# The Storm Watch

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## Board Elections Coming Soon!

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### Board of Directors

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### Staff

- Director of Coaching:  
Scott Armstrong
- Director of Academy:  
Rob Dinnie
- Administrator:  
Marisa Whisel

The Space Coast United Board of Directors has at least five positions up for election. Board members are elected to a three-year term. They are expected to attend monthly meetings typically held the third Thursday of each month as well as represent the Club at assorted events throughout the year. The club's [By-laws](#) further describe the role and duties of a board member. If you are considering running and have questions, please contact the [board](#) or you are welcome to speak to any Director individually. Their email addresses can be found on the website's [Contact Page](#).

Soccer experience is not a requirement! Good directors are individuals who care about the well-being of our members and promote the development of our staff. They are dedicated to the Club's mission of providing the highest quality youth soccer experience possible.

Applications to run for a Board of Directors position are due by February 15. Simply email the [board](#) with your intention to be placed on the ballot. The email should include a brief bio, a statement explaining why you would like to serve the members of the club, and a head shot photo. We will post the slate on the club website by February 18.



The election will be held on-site in the classroom at Viera Regional Park on Monday, **March 16** from **5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** All members in good standing are eligible to vote. Each unique player pass number will get a ballot. Poll workers will be able to look up player pass numbers and let each voter know how many ballots they are allotted.

Election results will be posted on Wednesday, March 18 with new board members installed at the regular monthly meeting the following evening. The board will elect new officers at that time.

## U18 Boys Tackle a Busy Holiday Tournament Season

The holidays were a busy time for Coach Scott Armstrong and our U18 Boys. They headed over to Bradenton on December 19<sup>th</sup> to compete in the IMG International Cup, a premier boys' invitational with teams from all over the world. The tournament is a showcase for colleges to scout talent.

The boys played in the top bracket, tying the QPR US program 0-0, beating a Virginia state finalist team 1-0, and then besting a state champion team from Maryland 1-0 on a goal from Brandon Berg to win their group. The next day they played in the Final against Plantation (FL), tying 0-0 in regular time and placing second in the tournament on a loss in PKs.

Just three days later, the U18 Boys competed in the Disney Senior Showcase in a group of teams that were all either state champions or state runners up.



## U15 Girls Undefeated at Inaugural NPL Showcase

Our U15 Girls coached by Mike Potier and Mike McGonagle went undefeated in the inaugural NPL Girls Showcase held December 31 to January 2 at Indian Trails Sports Complex in Palm Coast, FL. On New Year's Eve the girls drew PDA Pride (NJ) 1-1 and rang in the new year with a 0-0 draw against CFC United (CT). They concluded the showcase with a 3-2 win over the Sockers from Chicago.

US Club Soccer promotes their showcase events to college coaches to assist with recruiting efforts, giving our ladies an opportunity to shine for potential scholarships. Approximately 100 college women's coaches from around the country in NCAA Divisions I, II, and III registered to attend the showcase.



Coach Potier is proud of the team saying, "They worked very hard and were able to make adjustments quickly when needed to change the game. They showed a lot of character and battled physically against bigger teams. They deserved a bit more for their effort, but overall a win and two ties was a strong showing."

The team went on to win a U16 Girls division at the Space Coast Cup January 17-18.

*Aim for the sky  
and you'll reach  
the ceiling.  
Aim for the  
ceiling and  
you'll stay on  
the floor.*

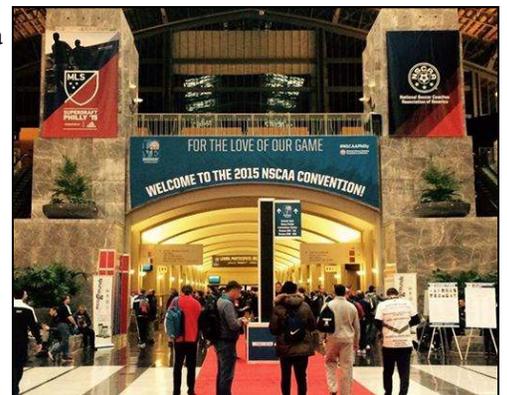
~ Bill Shankly, former  
Scottish footballer and  
Liverpool manager.

## Directors of Coaching and Academy Attend NSCAA

The National Soccer Coaches Association hosts an annual convention billed as "The World's Largest Annual Gathering of Soccer Coaches." The 2015 event was held in Philadelphia January 14-18. Space Coast United Director of Coaching, Scott Armstrong, and Director of Academy and YDP, Rob Dinnie, both attended the convention. Rob shared his thoughts on the event.

"The NSCAA convention was a fantastic coach education experience as well as gaining program director knowledge. With over 100 classes and 2000 vendors to choose from, it is recognized as the biggest soccer convention anywhere in the world.

I was able to attend classes and practical sessions on a wide array of topics. Non-cognitive Learning in Skill Acquisition, Parent Curriculum Education, Functional Technique to Individual Tactics and Offensive and Defensive Transitions - Key Moments in the Game were just some of the topics we got a chance to look at. Scott and I agreed that it is vital to translate the information we learned into curriculum development for our Club and transferring this information to our coaches and administrators. This is a challenge, but something we always look forward to doing."



# SCUSC Alumni Katie Stengel takes on the Gators



FC Bayern München Women will play "the Gators" on January 24 in Gainesville at UF before traveling to Orlando on January 27 to play the U20 US national team.

Bayern currently sits in second place in the Allianz Women's Bundesliga and are unbeaten in all competitions halfway into the season. Featuring for the Bayern ladies are high-profile players like Melanie Behringer, Lena Lotzen and Melanie Leupolz, regulars on the German national team that will compete at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada.

Also on the team are Americans **Katherine Stengel**, Gina Lewandowski and Amber Brooks.

## Space Coast Cup Shows Growth in Second Year

*39.5% increase in team participation over the 2014 Inaugural Space Coast Cup!*

The tournament was held January 17-18 at Viera Regional Park. The event grew from 43 teams in 2014 to 60 teams (39.5%) participating this year. 103 games were played over two days including 13 exciting Final matches. We cannot emphasize enough how the event was made possible by our tireless volunteers. We are extremely grateful to everyone who helped to promote and run a successful tournament.

We are very pleased at the strong showing on the part of our participating Space Coast United teams. Please visit our [Facebook](#) page for more photos of our winning athletes and coaches.

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Division	Champion	Runner-Up	Score
Boys U10 Gold	Space Coast Storm	Space Coast Storm	9 – 3
Coed U10 Gold	Coral Springs 05/06	Space Coast Storm	5 – 0
Girls U11 Gold	PBG Predators White	Space Coast Storm	3 – 1
Girls U12 Gold	Space Coast Storm	BSA Select White	1 – 0 (OT)
Girls U16 Gold	Space Coast Storm	SBFC Lady Phoenix	2 – 1 (PK)
Girls U16 Silver	Space Coast Storm	IRSA	4 - 0



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Established in 1984, Space Coast United Soccer Club is a non-profit run by volunteers dedicated to families who wish to enjoy the sport of soccer and to provide opportunities to play at all levels from ages three to eighteen with the highest quality of programs available in the State of Florida.

## Our Programs

Micro/Mini-Kickers  
Ages 3-5

Youth Development and Academy  
Ages 4-11

Competitive: Select/NPL  
Ages 9-19

Recreational  
Ages 13-18

Goalkeeper Academy  
Ages 9-19

TOPSoccer  
Ages 4-19

## U18 Boys Holiday Tournament (cont. from page 1)

In their first game, they faced Triangle North State Champion who played a different system (3-2-3-2) with fantastic movement and ability to move the ball. (cont. page 4)

Space Coast struggled in the beginning and started the second half down 0-1. But after a few tactical and lineup changes, scored two quick goals to take the lead. A disappointing NC late goal resulted in a tie, but Coach Armstrong was satisfied, "we had played a good second half against an excellent team."

The boys went into their fifth game in seven days extremely tired, but played the Michigan state championship team to a 0-0 draw. It was at this point Coach Armstrong says, "We played a very sluggish game, however we still managed to end in a tie. I saw the first signs of fatigue and playing too many games."

Their final game against New Jersey resulted in a 2-0 loss. It was, "a good game for us for 30 minutes and then we just died. Physically we were spent and unable to compete. The boys had just played too many games in a short period."

Despite the declining results due to exhaustion, Coach Armstrong believes, "All in all it was a great experience as the boys represented Space Coast and themselves extremely well. They were seen by over 50 colleges in the NCAA Division I, II, and III programs. We already have three boys committed to colleges and generated a lot of interest in the members of our U18 boys team."



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