

Ian Richards - Director Of Coaching Academy Select 9U - 10U Boys & Girls



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Ian Richards joins our club with a wealth of experience in the 9U-10U age groups and will continue our club's commitment to developing complete players. Ian had been previously working at the Colorado Rapids Youth Soccer Club coaching in the Select and Rec PLUS Programs in the role of Technical Coordinator. Ian moved to Colorado from New Jersey where he had been coaching for the MLS franchise, the New York Red Bulls for five years. While with the New York Red Bulls, Ian served as a Youth Development Coach within the Training Programs Department, working with recreational youth players from ages 4-16, as well as, a Regional Development School (RDS) Director which provides a direct pathway to the Development Academy teams as well continuing to work with recreational youth players. Ian grew up on the Wirral just over the river from Liverpool, England. Since he could remember, Ian has lived and breathed the beautiful game. He obtained his 1st coaching qualification at the age of 16 and thus began his career as a coach. Ian took the jump across the pond to pursue his coaching career and began working with the New York Red Bulls. Ian now holds English FA, NSCAA, and USSF coaching qualifications as well as TOPSoccer certification.

Outside of coaching, you will still find Ian involved in soccer, whether it is playing on a co-ed indoor team with his wife Alexis or watching his beloved Red Devils.