



AFC Lightning Hires Assistant Boys DOC

(May 7, 2019) - Due to the rapid growth and improved expansion of programming at AFC Lightning, the club is proud to announce the hiring of a Boys Assistant DOC, Adriano Moraes. Also, current staff members Chris Hall and Jeff Timmers take on new club responsibilities.



AFC Lightning is proud to announce the hiring of Boys Assistant DOC, Adriano Moraes. Adriano joins AFC Lightning from Lincoln Memorial University. Adriano combines strong youth, college, and professional soccer experience with tremendous coaching and educational expertise.

Since 2007, Adriano joined the Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) coaching staff and was able to provide the men's and women's programs with substantial soccer knowledge, quality leadership and a work ethic that is second to none. During his time at LMU, Adriano recruited and coached successful student-athletes and helped the program to make important achievements such as NCAA DII National Championship Game, NCAA DII National Tournament Appearances, South Atlantic Conference titles and appearances, achieve a #1 ranking, consecutive ranked top programs in the nation and region, and successive NCAA DII Team Academic Awards.

Consequently, Adriano supported numerous student-athletes to achieve individual awards as CoSIDA Academic All-District Team, NCAA D2 All-Southeast Region Scholar, United Soccer Coaches All-Americans, Daktronics National Player of the Year and USC Scholar All-South Region Team.

Simultaneously while coaching at LMU, Adriano was heavily involved with the Tennessee Soccer ODP Program.

Born in Brazil, Adriano joined Sao Jose dos Campos Academy at 14, where he competed in Regional, National and International Championships and Tournaments. Adriano was considered one of the top young player of his age group in his State. His potential became reality by the age of 17 when he joined the professional team and had the opportunity to compete in the Brazilian Professional Soccer League and faced well-known club teams as Sao Paulo, Corinthians, Santos and Palmeiras.

"Having played with and coached along side Adriano, and I am proud to have a quality coach that I respect added to our staff. Adriano's playing background and coaching knowledge, coupled with his college network will help provide a clear avenue on what it takes to succeed at the next level" said Jon Williams, AFC Lightning Boys DOC.

Adriano has earned his United Soccer Coaches Premier Diploma and holds a Master's Degree in Education. Please welcome Adriano, his wife and two daughters to the club!

AFC Lightning restructures Academy Directors

As a result of rapid growth and improved expansion of programming at AFC Lightning, the club has reassigned Chris Hall and Jeff Timmers. Chris Hall will be the new Girl's Academy Director and Jeff Timmers will be the Boys Academy Director and AFC Lightning Troup DOC.

“In over my 2 years being back at AFC Lightning, we have added several programs and a large number of players to club. To ensure our players have a positive AFC Lightning experience, we restructured coaching roles to match this growing demand” stated Steve Muccillo, Executive Director of AFC Lightning.

Board member Robert Sanford says the following, “We are excited with the addition of Adriano to the staff and assigning Chris and Jeff to new roles in the club. Because of our continued advancements in programming at AFC Lightning, we are looking forward to the 2019-2020 soccer year.”