

## **Bill Bettencourt**



Bill started playing soccer in Portugal (Acores) at a young age for one of the local clubs. Bill and his parents moved to the United States of America where he continued his playing career for Lowell United Soccer Club. After years of playing, Bill was ready and eager to begin his next challenge and get into coaching.

Bill started his coaching career, with Lowell Youth Soccer Association (LYSA). During his tenure with LYSA Bill coached numerous travel teams from U12-U18 and was extremely successful in doing so. With Bill at the helm, his teams won multiple League Championships, Commissioner's Cup Championships, and a State Championship. Bill eventually moved on from Lowell Youth and went on to coach and manage several club teams including Nashoba United, PASA F C (Portuguese American Soccer Academy), and Strikers United. During his Club coaching tenure, Bill's teams won many League Championships and tournament championships and his teams were always very competitive during State Cup play. Bill was named the coach of the Lowell United Soccer Club Semi-Professional Team which played in the MSSL league and also won many league and tournament championships under Bill's rein. In 2005, Bill was named the Lowell High School Boys Varsity Assistant Coach and eventually he became the Boys' Varsity Head Coach. For the last ten seasons and counting Bill has had tremendous success at Lowell High. He's won three out of the last four Merrimack Valley Conference (MVC) Championships along with qualifying for the State tournament nine consecutive years in a row. Bill was named the MVC Coach of the Year in 2011, 2015, and 2016, Lowell Sun Coach of the Year in 2016 and Eastern Mass Soccer Coach of Year in 2016.

Bill has an “Advanced Regional Diploma” from NSCAA and a USSF National “C” License, NFHS Fundamental of Coaching Soccer for High School, NHS Concussion in Sports What You Need to Know for High School, and NHS Sportsmanship for High School. Bill is also a member of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).