



## **Tom Williamson is hired as Director of Coaching for SCYSL**

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Dear SCYSL family, We wish you well and thank you for your continued support of our league.

In the category of “better late than never”, **We would like to formally announce that the Board of Directors or “BOD” voted several weeks ago to retain the services of Tom Williamson as the club’s Director of Coaching or “DOC”.**

Why do we need a DOC? As our club continues to grow, we need a qualified professional to guide the BOD. The BOD is made up of volunteers and no experts in this field. Although we put in MANY hours, we do need help to bring our league to new heights. The best way to do that is thru increased training and increased enrollment. Those are two of the main goals.

What does this mean for the club and what does a DOC do? A DOC is an employee of the club that will work closely with our players, coaches and the BOD to build and maintain a soccer program that meets our community’s ambitions.

Tom will be involved in all aspects of the program. He will offer guidance on some matters and he will have authority to make decisions on other matters. Specifically:

- He will be introducing a club philosophy and facilitate a player development path for the 600 plus players in our club.
- He, along with Colonial Sports Group “CSG” will recruit, train and evaluate all trainers that work with the club.
- He will recruit, train & evaluate all intramural, as well as, Travel coaches.
- He will be best be able to gather, interpret and disseminate any new rules changes handed down by LIJSL.
- He will develop & foster relationships with other local clubs and advise the BOD of opportunities/issues.
- He will promote, oversee and manage the Travel tryout process including player as well as coach selection for all teams

Why Tom Williamson? Originally from Kent, England but currently residing right here in East Patchogue, Tom was first asked to work with the club approximately 6 years ago when he was employed by NOGA, (now UK Elite). At that time, we only had THREE travel teams and FOUR board members. Tom worked his way up to Regional Manager for UKE. Tom has a great knowledge of our club from the many years he has spent with our children at Bellport Middle School, Verne Critz and Martha Avenue. So, in addition to his familiarity with the club:

- Tom has been a successful DOC at Hamptons United and took them from 2 travel teams to 8.
- He is currently the head coach of the LIU Post Men’s soccer team (a nationally ranked, TOP 10 team)
- He is the Asst coach for the LIU Post Women’s soccer team (a nationally ranked, TOP 20 team)
- He is the head coach of the 2001 boys ENY ODP team
- His qualifications include a NSCAA Advanced National Coaching License

Currently, Intramurals are in great shape and our Travel program is in a very healthy position, 15 teams and counting! Our Board of Directors is also strong with 13 GREAT people. The league is in great shape but we aren’t satisfied. We want more!

So as we move forward this Spring, we do so with Tom assisting and guiding us. These are exciting times for our club. We hope you share our enthusiasm for what the future holds.

SCYSL and Bellport Travel Soccer

