



WSA COACHING STAFF TRAVEL SOCCER 2021-2022



WSA DIRECTORS

Mickey Kydes – Program Director

Mickey Kydes is the Founder and Director of Coaching at Beachside of Connecticut Soccer Club. Founded in 1994, Beachside has become one of the premier soccer specific organizations in the country. Between Beachside, and Mickey Kydes Soccer—a professional coaching organization established in 1996 that supports travel and recreational soccer for several Connecticut clubs, Mickey is responsible for the soccer development and education of close to five thousand children.

Mickey's distinguished playing career is the cornerstone of MKS' tremendous success. As a standout youth and high school player out of Norwalk, CT, Mickey won a state U-13 travel soccer championship before becoming a four-year starter for Norwalk High School. As a 2-time All-State player and member of the Connecticut ODP team, Mickey was offered a full scholarship to play soccer for Division I powerhouse, Long Island University. At LIU, Mickey was a two-time All-American, graduating in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing. The Dallas Sidekicks drafted Mickey in the MISL first round as the eighth overall pick. Along with winning a MISL National Indoor Championship with the Sidekicks, Mickey played for the 1987 USA National Team, professionally throughout Greece and the United States, and was drafted by the New York / New Jersey MetroStars in the MLS inaugural season. Mickey retired in 1996, after nine years of professional soccer.

His motivation to teach the game has led him to obtain his United States Soccer Federation (USFF) 'A', 'B', and 'Youth' National Coaching Licenses. Mickey is also **one of only eighty people** in the country who holds a USFF 'Technical Directors License'. He is now a presenter for the USFF Technical Director Course. Visited and observed at the following clubs throughout the World: **Spain** – FC Barcelona (twice), Espanyol, AC Bilbao, **Argentina** – Boca Juniors, Racing Club, Independiente, Estudiantes, **England** – Arsenal, Manchester City, **Germany** – Frieberg, **Belgium** – Genk, **USA** – Philadelphia Union, NY Red Bulls, NYCFC.

Through his wealth of playing experience, Mickey was exposed to many different coaching philosophies and management styles. As a lifelong student of the game, he constantly took mental notes regarding what systems created success, and which systems bogged down forward momentum. From summer camps, successful developmental and premier programs, to the growth and development of the Old Greenwich, Riverside, Westport, and Wilton soccer programs, his learning experiences as a player have directly impacted his success as a coach and manager of soccer programs. World Cup player, US Senior National Team players, MLS and European professionals, MLS Champions, MLS All-Star, MLS Rookie of the Year, US Youth National Team players, NCAA Herman Award Winner, NCAA Division 1 & 3 Champions, NCAA Division 1, 2 and 3 student-athletes, all have benefited from Mickey's exposure and influence. What Mickey cares most about is the personal development of the thousands of young people that acquire **life skills** by participating in his programs.

Mickey Kydes is a true Soccer educator, with a sincere and artistic passion for passing on his knowledge to the young people on and off the field. The mixture of his love of the game, with his unmatched work ethic, integrity, attention to detail, ability to organize, lead and educate, have led to the superb national reputation of Mickey Kydes Soccer & Beachside of CT Soccer Club.

- 2005 – Long Island University Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2008 – Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2008 – NY Greek-American Soccer Club Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2010 – Norwalk High School Wall of Honor Inductee
- 2017 – New York City Soccer Gala Honoree
- 2018 – NE Soccer Journal: Top 50 Most Influential Soccer People in New England



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Paul Melitsanopoulos – Operations Director

A lifelong resident of Norwalk, CT, Paul was able to join Beachside as a goal keeper at U-14, and continued his playing career with the club until entering college. Paul earned All-FCIAC first team honors while playing for Norwalk High School. At NHS, his team won the first FCIAC soccer championship in school history. In college, as a player at Western Connecticut State University, his team won the LEC championship, earning a bid into the NCAA tournament. Paul continued his education at the University of Connecticut and graduated with high honors.

As an Assistant Coach & GK Coach, Paul has seen success in winning FCIAC titles with Staples HS, and FCIAC and State title with Norwalk High School. Paul has coached several travel teams and directed several of MKS Programs. Paul is currently the Beachside USSDA Development Academy Director and oversees all Academy teams. Paul holds a United States Soccer Federation "A" License, NSCAA Director of Coaching Diploma, and will partake in the prestigious USSF Technical Directors Course in 2019-20.

Paul understands the lifelong values that can come from the game of soccer, and truly enjoys motivating his players to reach their full potential on and off the field. Paul has been the coaching and directing for MKSE since 2010.

Pete Doneit – Goalkeeper Coach

Played four years at Division 1 powerhouse Hartwick College and two seasons in the USISL with Grand Rapid Explosion and Lansing Locomotive. Played with Cape Town Spurs and Witswatersand of South African 1st division. Has worked at summer camps throughout the United States and is a current Beachside (USSDA) Academy team head coach. Will also run the WSA Goalkeeping Clinics. A United States Soccer Federation 'A' & 'F' level licensed coach. Head Coach for the University of Bridgeport Men's soccer team. Awarded 'National Youth Coach of the Year' in 2010-11. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.

Allan Zuniga – Boys Travel Coaching Director

Played college soccer at Sacred Heart University where he was named All-American. Went on to play five years of professional soccer in Nicaragua for 1st division team Walter Ferrepy Club. He is a United States Soccer Federation 'B' & 'F' level licensed coach. Coached boys travel teams in the Old Greenwich and Westport travel program for last 5 years. Coaching in the MKS organization since 1999, including being the Program Director for the WSA Recreation K-2nd grade clinics since 2002-2005.

Jennifer Christos - Girls Travel Coaching Director

Saying soccer is my passion is an understatement. Although my playing career would end with Stony Brook University at the Division 1 level, my love for the game never diminished. I wanted to give back to the sport that brought me so many good years so I began my coaching career at my old high school. I coached both junior varsity and varsity soccer for 5 years at Brookfield HS before realizing my passion developing the girls at a younger age. That's when I become one of Mickey's original coaches at Westport. I've coached for Mickey and Westport on and off again for over 16 years (took a year to coach at Western Connecticut State University) and have loved every minute of it. I've also been the President of the Southern CT Women's Soccer League for 5 years while managing 6 teams from the Fairfield County area. Coaching in the MKS and WSA organization since 2003.

Bamba Fall - WSA Developmental Program Director

Played Varsity HS Soccer in Dakar Senegal (1992-95), Stonington HS Varsity Soccer (1995-96), Intramurals at University of Bridgeport (1996-2000), with a championship in 1996, and Sportzone soccer leagues 2001-02. Coached U7-U8 teams in Dakar while in HS (1992-95), and was Assistant coach for Stonington HS Junior Varsity (1995-96). A United States Soccer Federation 'D' & 'F' licensed coach. Coached the WSA U11 Girls travel team to two back-to-back state cup finals in 2004-2005. Bamba has been coaching WSA travel team since 2002 and WSA rec clinics since 2003. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.



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WSA GIRLS TEAMS COACHING STAFF

Jake Zuniga – U9 Girls Blue & U10 Girls Blue

Jake grew up in Norwalk, CT and has been involved in soccer since the age of 3. He made his way into the Beachside soccer program at 10 years old, up until his final year with the Beachside Super-20 team in 2013. During his time he was a state champion, Region 1 semi-finalist, and attended Nationals with the Super-20 team on 3 occasions, serving as a captain for 2 of those seasons. Jake played four years of varsity soccer at Norwalk High School, where he was an All-FCIAC and All-State first team member. He went on to play college soccer for Fairfield University for the past four years. Member of the 2011 MAAC regular season and tournament champions, he went on to the NCAA tournament and lost in the first round to Brown 3-2, where he scored the first goal for Fairfield. He is currently a member of the AC Connecticut PDL team, and has been called up by the Nicaragua National team. Jake is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coached rec clinics and camps for MKS organization in 2015.

Daniel Londono - U9 Girls White & U10 Girls White

Carlos Daniel Londono, is originally from Colombia, South America and is married with three young children. He moved to the United States in 2003. He played for the Stamford Hurricanes back in his high school years, and also played for a second division team in Colombia called INFERIORES del Pereira Sub 16. Daniel has been a travel soccer coach in the WSA and has coach in the MKSE soccer organization in the WSA Recreation / Wilton Rec 3rd-4th, 5th-6th & 7th-8th boys and girls. Gained valuable coaching experience throughout the years preparing and maintaining up-to-date lesson plans and goals for seasonal practice drills and procedures while coaching 8-10 yrs olds in Club Kalazans. Currently works at Woodway Country Club in Darien, CT. Daniel is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in MKS organization since 2011.

Elizabeth Burns – U9 Girls Red & U10 Girls Red

Grew up playing soccer on Long Island, New York, and was a member of the first all girls travel team in Mastic Sports Club at the age of 13. Captain and 4 year starter of Sacred Heart University Women's team (NCAA Division II.) Played amateur soccer with CT Wolves women's team in 1997 season. Now currently plays for the Southern CT Women's Soccer League (serving as the Registrar and Treasurer of the League) and the Stamford Coed Summer Soccer League. A United States Soccer Federation 'E' & 'F' licensed coach. Liz will was the WSA rec program director for 2006-07 season. Coaching WSA travel teams and rec clinics since 2003. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.

Maksym Bak – U9 Girls Gold

MKSE Organization is happy to welcome Maksym to our travel coaching staff. Also known as Max, brings a wealth of knowledge from his vast playing and coaching experience. Maksym began his soccer career in his native Ukraine, where he played for over 5 years. He then played varsity soccer at Westhill High School, as well as for the Stamford Hurricanes. He easily transitioned into coaching as he graduated college and began coaching WSA rec clinics for Mickey Kydes Soccer. Academically, Maksym holds a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from the University of Connecticut. He will be completing the United States Soccer Federation initial grassroots license in the fall. Second year coaching in the MKS organization.

Bamba Fall – U11 Girls Blue & U12 Girls Blue

Played Varsity HS Soccer in Dakar Senegal (1992-95), Stonington HS Varsity Soccer (1995-96), Intramurals at University of Bridgeport (1996-2000), with a championship in 1996, and Sportzone soccer leagues 2001-02. Coached U7-U8 teams in Dakar while in HS (1992-95), and was Assistant coach for Stonington HS Junior Varsity (1995-96). A United States Soccer Federation 'D' & 'F' licensed coach. Coached the WSA U11 Girls travel team to two back-to-back state cup finals in 2004-2005. Bamba has been coaching WSA travel team since 2002 and WSA rec clinics since 2003. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2003.



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Fabrizio Obregon – U11 Girls White

Fabrizio is from Stamford, CT. Stamford is where he's been involved in playing and coaching soccer. He played 4 years of high school soccer at Stamford High School and he also played for the city's travel team (Stamford Hurricanes). Fabrizio has also coached multiples teams in the Stamford travel program from 2017-2021 and has experienced coaching teams between U8s - U13s. He is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' level licensed coach. First year coaching in the MKS organization.

Alyson Panaro – U12 Girls White

Alyson grew up in Connecticut where she started playing soccer at the age of 5. At the age of 10 she began playing competitively for the Yankee United Patriots. Alyson played with The Patriots for the next 7 years, competing in tournaments all over the country and winning numerous championships, earning national recognition. Alyson also participated in the Olympic Development Program (OPD) in Connecticut and played for New Canaan High School Varsity team all 4 years where she earned all FCIAC and all state recognition. Alyson went on to play Division I within the Atlantic 10 Conference at St. Josephs University in Philadelphia, PA. She has coached previously in both New Canaan and Fairfield. Alyson has a Master's Degree in Counseling from Fairfield University and works as both a school counselor and licensed psychotherapist. Alyson is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Second year coaching in the MKS organization.

Alvin Charlery – U12 Girls Red & U13 Girls Blue

Born in St. Lucia. Alvin attended the University of Bridgeport where he earned a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in education. He holds the USSF "A" coaching license. Coach Alvin is a former Greens Farms Academy girls varsity head coach. He is also a poet and a recording artist.

Coached in MKS program in the early 2000's for 4 years and we are happy Alvin is rejoining in the MKS organization.

U14/15 Girls team – Coach bio tbd

WSA BOYS TEAMS COACHING STAFF

Kelvin Mutambo – U9 Boys Blue & U10 Boys Blue

Born in Zambia, Africa, Kelvin is married with one child. Played soccer for the Zambia National team from 1996 -1999. Played club soccer for Zamsure FC in Zambia from 1994 – 1997, and Qatar Sporting Club in Qatar from 1997 – 1999. Kelvin was very involved in coaching in his former club, Zamsure FC. He coached in the club's youth system for three years. Kelvin has been the WSA rec program director since 2006. Coaching WSA travel teams and rec clinics since 2003. Kelvin is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS since 2003.

Erick Romero – U9 Boys White & U10 Boys White

Erick is originally from Honduras. He moved to the United States in 2006. Playing soccer since the age of 6 is one of Erick's attributes. Beachside soccer club welcomed Erick when he was 16 years old. Carrying forward with Erick's allocates, Erick was a participating member of the 2011 under 17 state championship team, that also competed and earned championship honors at the Disney invitational national tournament. Currently, Erick is a member of the University of Bridgeport men's soccer team and has solidified his starting position on the field. He coaches the WSA U9 Boys Gold team in the spring of 2014. Erick is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Erick has been coaching in the MKS soccer organization at clinics and camps since 2011.



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[Peter Dorgai – U9 Boys Red & U10 Boys Red](#)

Born in Hungary and brother to an All-Star Soccer player, Peter had to work hard to step out of his brother's shadow and eventually became known as a great defensive and strategic player earning him the nickname "The Bull". Playing since the age of 6, and at the league level at age 12, his hard work and determination eventually earned him a place in several leagues where he was paid to play soccer full-time. He's played on several teams that won tournaments and on two teams that won league championships in Hungary. He was also able to travel to Slovakia and Poland to play in Eastern European tournaments. Peter now plays for recreation at local football clubs and events and has a passion to pass the sport down to the next generation. He is currently a licensed **Grassroots U.S. Soccer Coach** and has trained children previously at *Roxbury Elementary School* in Stamford. He is currently pursuing a sports nutrition certificate to help athletes achieve their peak performance. When not on the Soccer field, Peter works for various Catering and Event companies as a Team Captain and Lead Bartender. He is a native of Stamford, CT and absolutely loves to go out on adventures with his 6-year-old son, Tysen, passing down a love of connecting with nature, exploring, and the great outdoors. First year coaching in the MKS organization.

[Jemay Arias – U9 Boys Gold & U9 Boys Silver](#)

Jemay was voted Most Valuable high school player in New York City. Played four years at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck New Jersey - Team Captain Senior Year. B.S Finance 1987 / FDU Hall of Fame. Played international tournaments at Lake Cuomo Italy, Zurich Switzerland, Helsinki Finland, Gotternburg Sweden, and also played in Colombia Copa Ciudad de Pereira. Coached at Tab Ramos and Staten Island Soccer programs and summer camps. Won the CT State Championship with WSA U11 Boys Blue Fall 2018. Holds a United States Soccer Federation National 'C' coaching license. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2012.

[Bardhyl Limani – U11 Boys Blue & U12 Boys White](#)

Played 2nd division professional soccer in his country of Kosovo and in Switzerland. Coached youth soccer in Kosovo for boys ages U12 to U16 before coming to the United States. Since 2001 he has been a travel soccer coach in the WSA and has coached in the MKSE soccer organization in the WSA Recreation K – 2nd grade clinics. Coaching WSA travel teams since and rec clinics since 2001. Bardhyl is a UEFA 'B' & United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2001.

[Rodrigo Libanori – U11 Boys White](#)

Rodrigo, a Danbury CT, native, grew up playing soccer at a young age. Rodrigo began his playing career at the Danbury travel level and quickly progressed onto premier. Rodrigo went on to play for Danbury High School for 4 years, Co-Captaining the team his junior and senior year. Rodrigo had the opportunity to play for Western Connecticut University, as well as continue his education. Rodrigo has a pure passion for the game of soccer, and is excited to join the MKSE coaching staff and give back to the game he loves. Currently, Rodrigo is a United States Soccer Federation "E" & 'F' licensed coach and is working his way onto continuing his coaching education.

[Elisee Joseph – U12 Boys Blue](#)

Elisee attended Stamford High School where he was 3 year varsity starter. In the summer before his sophomore year he competed in the Gothia and Tivoli Cups in Europe. In 2001, Elisee attended Elms College where he was a 4 year starter and helped his team win a North Atlantic Conference championship during his freshman year. Graduated from Elms College with a major in business management and minor in marketing in 2005. In the fall of 2008, Elisee became the varsity assistant coach at King Low Heywood High School in Stamford. For the past 2 years Elisee has been the varsity assistant coach at New Canaan High School helping lead the team to the State Championship for the 2010 season. Elisee is a United States Soccer Federation 'F' licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2011.



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Fabio de Oliveira – U13 Boys Blue

MKSE Organization is happy to welcome Fabio to our coaching Staff. Fabio brings a wealth of knowledge from his vast playing and coaching experience. Fabio played Futsal for Universidade Bandeirantes de Sao Paulo - '05 - '09. Fabio easily transitioned into coaching and begun coaching the Varsity and Middle school Futsal in Sao Paulo, Brazil for 3 years. Upon arriving in the United States, Fabio began coaching for Everson Soccer Academy/Brazil CT - 2013 to 2015 - Summer Team, Travel Teams and Rec. Academically, Fabio holds a Bachelors in Science in Physical Education and Sport Performance. Fabio is a United States Soccer Federation 'E' & 'F' licensed coach, as well as a US Futsal License. This is Fabio's second year coaching in the MKSE Program.

Pavlos Tiftikidis – WSA U14/15 Boys Blue

I am originally from Chincoteague Island, Virginia where I've played soccer since I could dribble a ball. Leadership has always been a quality that came easy to me and I carried that characteristic from life onto the soccer field. I believe that quality helped take my talents to the collegiate level, where I was a captain every year I was there and received 1st team all-conference 3 out of the 4 years. After college, I received a tryout for a second division pro team in Sparta, Greece. A hip injury ultimately cut my soccer career short, but this game has helped bring so many opportunities off the field because of what it taught me. I hope to instill those same traits into the players I coach because at the end of the day I won't just be teaching a game, but also teaching that hustle, hard work, and relentlessness will get you far. That's what the game of soccer taught me, and that's what I'll bring to the young men. Now, away from soccer, I received my Bachelor of Science in Economc's and currently lead the Sales Team in NYC for Popmenu, Inc, a SaaS company for restaurants. First year coaching in the MKS organization.