

2009 LYSL ELECTION

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Each year, 50% of the Livermore Youth Soccer League elected positions come up for election. These 2 year terms alternate so as to maintain continuity from one season to the next. Below candidate statements for the nominees for the elected positions with terms that run from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

Candidates for the position of Director of Administration

Mike Belsick

I have been an active member with LYSL for over 12 years. Currently, I am the Director of Administration, which entails making sure that all of our documentation is in order and taking minutes during meetings. Even though both of my kids have graduated from LYSL, I still find my involvement in the league personally rewarding. Soccer is a great sport and a great activity for our children, teaching skills and life's lessons. It takes adult volunteers to make it happen. I would be honored to be able to continue as one of these volunteers.

Candidates for the position of Director of Operations

Steve Griffith

My name is Steve Griffith and I am interested in the position of Director of Operations for LYSL. I am a father of two children, ages 8 and 4. I started with LYSL as an assistant coach in 2005 when our daughter began playing. I have coached each year thereafter and now have started over again with our son in U5. I have completed 3 soccer license courses.

My personal experience as a player began at the early age of 8. I played competitive soccer which included high school soccer. Most recently, I have been playing on a co-ed indoor soccer league. My other coaching experience includes girls basketball, little league baseball and Livermore Smoke Softball. I played childhood baseball and adult fast pitch softball.

I believe it is important to teach children to have the best experience playing organized soccer. The Director of Operations is an important part of how the league functions. One thing that I have learned throughout the years is that the only way to continue to improve an organization is by volunteering your time. Therefore, I would like to volunteer my time to LYSL, as Director of Operations.

Candidates for the position of Director of High Comp

Larry Phillips

Over the past 7 years I've had the privilege of coaching multiple teams in the Recreation and High Comp programs. My passion is helping players to learn life lessons through soccer, all the while teaching them the skills necessary to be successful at the game. I played youth soccer and have fallen in love with the sport all over again, finding myself to be a student of the game and a student of the people involved in it and wanting to share that appreciation and love of the game with Livermore's youth.

My experience as a Director on the Executive Board has given me awareness of issues and how to resolve them with innovation and persistence, and the ability to build cohesive teams of adult volunteers that are both dedicated and have the time commitment to make LYSL great.

As Director of High Comp, I'm dedicated to not settling on the status quo, but rather building upon the foundation that has been set, and innovating the program. I plan to continue with the successes that we've achieved, and explore new options (your ideas!) to revitalize the program to make it not only better, but sustainable.

Candidates for the position of Division 1 Boys Representative on the High Comp Committee

Dan Dremalas

Dan has served as the 2006 High Comp Secretary, high Comp Girls D1 Club Representative, league's Representative for GSSL, AC, 'NorCal, and is currently the Director of High Comp. He has helped organize the High Comp Challenge in July of 2006, 2007, 2008 and is a license referee. He currently coaches the U-11 boys Elite Cougar D1 soccer team. With Dan's experience he will provide the league with the expertise and dedication to foster a successful Livermore soccer program.

Elio Paiva

Futbol (soccer) is a true passion of mine. Growing up in Europe as a youth player and supporter of the local professional club provided me the experiences to form a lifelong love and appreciation for the sport. As a high school and college player and now a licensed coach and referee have provided me with invaluable insight, knowledge and understanding of the many aspects of the sport. I have become a student of player development methodologies, coach and play philosophies and the game itself. I have been coaching soccer at the recreational, competitive and interscholastic level for 12 years.

Why am I volunteering?

High Comp Soccer in Livermore must fundamentally change its organizational structure, player development focus and strategy and management philosophy. A new and innovative approach is necessary to offer its membership the best player developmental programs and personal growth opportunities in a highly efficient and professional style managed club and environment.

As the HC Boys Division 1 Representative I will work closely with LYSL's High Comp Management Committee to promote, establish and emulate the European Club player development model and professional management philosophy for our competitive program. Additionally, help to establish a club wide specific playing style that is recognizable, offensive minded and creative. Coach selections are an area where careful analysis of qualifications, personal growth interests, and commitment to club philosophy will be addressed.

What do I bring to this position?

The organizational, management and communication skills are the strongest qualities. Strategic thinking, innovation and continuous improvement ideas are also strong personal characteristics. I will bring great passion, dedication and the highest level of commitment to meet the challenges ahead to significantly improve the competitive program and soccer in Livermore. I would welcome the opportunity to serve you. Thank you.

Candidates for the position of Division 3 Boys Representative on the High Comp Committee

Jorge Freitas

My name is Jorge Freitas and I'm running for the HC Boys D3 Representative position. I am a business owner in Livermore and a long time resident of the city. I have been actively involved with LYSL over the last 14 years as a coach and held the High Comp Director position a few years ago. Through my experiences as a player in college, major division in San Jose and now as a coach, they have offered me a unique perspective of how the sport and game have changed over time and the challenges facing our youth, parents and clubs of today.

I believe LYSL must adapt to the grassroots transformation occurring across the country and offer a more comprehensive player development programs to meet today's player needs and parent expectations. I will utilize my management experience, natural talents and abilities to foster the changes required to better serve the needs of our youth. Time, commitment and dedication will be the stall worth of my candidacy for this position. I look forward to the challenge and opportunity. Thank you.

Marilyn Krueger

I played for LYSL as a youth from U8 to U19. I currently have 2 daughters both playing in HC. I believe you can have fun while playing at a competitive level. I held the position of Boys D3 rep last year and would be happy to continue in that role.

Julie Ann Mardirossian

I have been involved with LYSL for eight years as a parent and coach. I currently have two children in the LYSL program; a son in U15 Rec and a daughter in U11 high comp. My husband, Herve, is also a high comp coach. I would like to be involved with the LYSL High Comp Committee to offer my time, dedication, and support to the league. I believe I have the time and organizational skills to devote to making our program even more successful than it has grown to be today. Thank you for your consideration.