

Jose Hernandez

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Education & Coaching Experience

Jose started his soccer coaching career as an assistant coach for the Vanguard University of Southern California Men's Soccer program soon after graduating with a bachelor's degree in history and political science. Jose then pursued higher education and earned a Master's in Education from Loyola Marymount University. Jose transitioned and started teaching at Animo Leadership Charter High School, where he taught history. During his teaching career at Animo Leadership Charter High School, Jose was also an assistant coach for the boys' varsity soccer team under head coach, Sergio Medrano, where many championships were won (multiple league championships, California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sectional titles, and a regional state championship as well).

As Jose continued to expand his coaching career, he also coached at multiple soccer clubs such as Brea Blaze, California Rush, and most recently Beach FC. Jose also briefly coached the Los Angeles Wolves Soccer Club, where he helped coach the club's first-ever United States Soccer Federation Open Cup game. In 2012 Jose relocated and began working as an assistant coach for Los Angeles Harbor College Men's Soccer. As an assistant coach, Jose has guided, mentored, and supported student-athletes inside and outside the classroom, and helped many with transferring to four-year universities.

Coaching Philosophy

Jose's philosophy is based on Constructivism and Kolb's Theory of Experiential learning. He believes that every athlete comes with different experiences (good or bad), ultimately shaping who they are and how they respond to adversity and setbacks. Given that all have different experiences, Jose takes a holistic approach when focusing on each soccer player because the target is focusing on the player's strengths and building on the areas where they are struggling by incorporating new positive experiences. Coach Jose currently holds a United States Soccer Federation (USSF) C License and will be pursuing his USSF B License.