

WLYSC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

ANDRÉ PACHECO

André is joining us with an extensive background in soccer.

Over the last two years since announcing a partnership between West Lincoln Youth Soccer Club and Niagara International Football Club, we have worked closely together in providing unique opportunities for players within the Niagara Region. These have included an international tour to Portugal, a pre-season camp to Florida and numerous opportunities for travel team players to be featured on our college show case teams. The latter of which has resulted in two WLYSC players obtaining scholarships to play NCAA soccer in the USA.

As the Technical Director, André will help WLYSC meet the Ontario Soccer compliancy requirements for QSP clubs. We feel with growing our brand and reputation together we can continue creating a fun and successful environment for players, coaches, families, and the community. He will be developing, implementing, and supervising player and coach development programs while providing leadership guidance, and mentorship to all coaches. The TD shall support the Club and all its current and future programs.

Meet ANDRÉ Born & Raised: Island of Bermuda Languages: English, Portuguese & Spanish

Studies: Sports Science/Conditioning & Management

President & Girls Academy Director for Niagara Surf Soccer Club (formerly NIFC). Founded the Niagara based club to offer a true professional experience at the youth soccer level, one with a clear pathway and real opportunities. Currently holds a UEFA C license & is finishing the UEFA B license.

André has always been involved in soccer. Playing for local clubs BAA & Vasco Da Gama and was also a 5 time Bermuda School Sports Federation All Star playing for the East.

Attended university in England at Hartpury College-University of West England studying in the faculty of Sports Science, Sports Conditioning & Coaching while playing for the university team.

Moved to Canada in 2007 to continue his education at Brock University to study Sport Management. In 2014, became the first and only licensed FIFA Players Agent by the Bermuda FA. He worked closely with many clubs, coaches, players and agents in Europe, South America and the North America, getting first hand experience of what the professional world of soccer looks like and what it takes to become a professional.

Turning his focus to coaching over the last 10 years; his expertise in tactical analysis has helped numerous teams to win multiple League Championships and Tournament Championships in the USA. He has also helped many players enhance their game for college opportunities.

Since 2019, 32 players from the Niagara region have gone on to play in NCAA soccer through opportunities his club provided.