

Bowie FC Bulletin



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Coach's Corner– Field of Screams

As we get back onto the soccer field and watch our player dribble like Messi, score like Mbappe, and celebrate with Ronaldo's "Siuuu", we must remember to be respectful and be a team player. A team player is someone who cares more about helping a group or team to succeed than about his or her individual success. The team isn't just the coach and players, it also includes parents/guardians and family. On social media, we see countless uploads of parents/coaches screaming and fighting at games. We are seeing this increase in all sports. Many may think it's funny and others think it's ridiculous. We can assure you it is **unnecessary**.

When participating in youth sports, we all have a job. Coaches are tasked to teach the sport as best they can and are the only individuals who should interact with the referees. Players are tasked to practice what they learn and develop the skills taught to them. Parents/guardians are tasked to support the coaches and players at all times. Every league and club has a Code of Conduct policy and BBGC/Bowie FC is no exception.

As a reminder, you all acknowledge knowing you will follow our Code of Conduct when you register your player to participate in a BBGC sport.

When we are on the field please keep in mind:

1. Support players on both teams; applaud and encourage them.
2. Maintain a respectful distance from the field of play.
3. Refrain from any conduct that will be detrimental to the player, team, club, or league.
4. Always be polite and humble regardless of calls from officials.
5. Allow club officials (coaches, managers) to act as the leaders.
6. Be mindful of players' emotions and damage caused to young players by overly aggressive sideline behavior.

Remember for many of us it's our first time playing a sport. Let's make it fun and not act a fool.

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Coaches of the Month– Amy Kelm

In our fourth installment of Coaches of the Month we are excited to celebrate Coach Amy! Each month we will feature coaches from across all Bowie FC programs to learn more about their backgrounds and stories.

What programs do you coach and how long have you been coaching with Bowie FC?

I coach the Girls County 2013/2014 Red team and have been coaching for 7 years with Bowie FC.

When did you begin coaching? What got you interested?

I began coaching intramural/developmental in 2018. I became interested in coaching because I believe it's important to have more female coaches in youth soccer. All children benefit by seeing women in leadership roles as head coaches. As a coach in our girls program, I feel a deep responsibility towards the development of the girls as well-rounded soccer players, skilled athletes, supportive teammates, and strong leaders. Statistically, girls give up organized sports at a much higher rate than boys. I want to help reverse this trend by empowering my players to continue playing through middle and high school, and hopefully into college.

Where did you grow up and what's your favorite soccer memory from your childhood?

I grew up in Linthicum, MD and played county soccer for LFYAA. I was on the soccer and track teams at North County High School and the track team at Salisbury State University. My favorite soccer memories as a child are playing sweeper and pulling offsides traps or running down opposing attackers to steal the ball away. I loved being a defender!

Who's your favorite soccer player and why?

It's hard to choose just one favorite player. Instead, I'll say the entire USWNT. Despite a difficult showing at the World Cup last year, I'm hopeful that they're out of that transition period and ready to shine at the Olympics, this summer!

And finally....give us one fun fact about yourself

Although I was a pole vaulter, hurdler, and sprinter on my high school and college track teams, I've pursued distance running as an adult, focusing on marathons for the past 6 years. I achieved a Boston qualifying time in 2021, allowing me to race the Boston Marathon in 2022 and 2023. I hope to qualify again in the future!



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Coaches of the Month– Juan Arguera

In our fifth installment of Coaches of the Month we are excited to celebrate Coach Juan! Each month we will feature coaches from across all Bowie FC programs to learn more about their backgrounds and stories.

What programs do you coach and how long have you been coaching with Bowie FC?

I coach the Bowie FC Girls U13 travel soccer.

When did you begin coaching? What got you interested?

I have been coaching for 3 years now at Bowie FC. I started coaching back in 2022 and at first I was just a parent that was a sideline coach. I was the one yelling and screaming cheering on the team as well as helping with their position and I would catch my self giving them pre-game speeches. My wife and daughter encouraged me to become a coach after that season when they noticed that I enjoyed coaching from the sidelines.

Where did you grow up and what's your favorite soccer memory from your childhood?

I grew up in Lanham, Maryland. My favorite soccer memory from my childhood would be my freshman year at Duval High School when I scored my first hat trick and my Dad was honking and flashing his car lights after my third goal vs Central high school.

Who's your favorite soccer player and why?

My favorite soccer players is Ronaldo Nazario he was a striker just like me and I tried my best to mimic his moves and watching him in the 1998 World Cup when they loss to France was heart breaking for me but he came back to be top goal scorer and winning the 2002 World Cup.

And finally....give us one fun fact about yourself

I am scared of frogs.

