



## WSA COACHING STAFF TRAVEL SOCCER 2014- 2015



### WSA Boys High School Travel Soccer Coaches

#### Joe Surace – U17-18 Boys Blue

Joe holds a National “D” coaching license and has coached travel and premier teams for 20 years and at the high school level for 12. He led the Norwalk U16 boys to the state title in 2007, and is part of the coaching staff of the Norwalk High School Boys Varsity team, winning a 2002 FCIAC championship and recently the 2012 FCIAC and Class LL State Championships. Joe also holds his United States Soccer Federation referee certification. Has coached the WSA U17-18 Boys Blue team for the last 2 spring seasons.

#### Amar Bellara – U17-18 Boys White

Amar was a three year starter at Norwalk High School Varsity soccer since a sophomore playing outside defense his sophomore and junior year. As a senior he was named captain and moved to a central defender/sweeper and was named to the ALL AREA team and ALL FCIAC First team his senior year. That spring he joined the FCU Norwalk Premier club and won the CT cup championships and went on to the regional tournament and lost in the semi-finals. A graduate of Norwalk High class of 2002, he went on to Our Lady of the Elms, DIII, Chicopee Mass. as a starter from day one as a freshman. He was awarded a captain’s role as a sophomore and finished his four year degree in three years with a Bachelors in Accounting. Amar’s coaching and training experience began immediately after college in which he went back to his high school alma mater Norwalk High as one of the Varsity Boys assistant coaches for the Fall seasons of 2006 and 2007. That Spring of 2007 he took on a Norwalk travel club at the age of U-12 and remained their trainer till U-14. During the Spring of 2009 he recruited and coached a U-15 boy’s premier club at Yankee United and the Spring of 2010 he recruited and coached a U-17 boy’s premier club at Yankee United. Founded his consulting group and is the Principal/managing director in which he practices under today as Bellara & Associates L.L.C. where he holds his professional designation as an LUTCF and is currently working towards his CFP and CFA. A United States Soccer Association ‘C’ licensed coach. Coaching in the MKS organization since 2010.

#### Steve Baumann – U15-16 Boys Blue

Steve has had a 40-year career as a teacher, coach, and museum executive. He is currently the Executive Director at The Discovery Museum and Planetarium in Bridgeport, CT. Prior to coming to The Discovery Museum he led the Starfinder Foundation in Philadelphia, a soccer-based youth development program for inner city kids focused on soccer for social change and leadership beyond the game. He was also President of the National Soccer Hall of Fame and Museum and Executive Director of Kidspace Children's Museum in Pasadena, CA. A life-long soccer player, he has coached at every level of the game including 6 years as the head men’s coach at the University of Pennsylvania. Steve played professionally for 3 years for the Miami Toros in the NASL and as a player at Penn is the all-time leading scorer, a member of the All-Century Team, and was a 1st Team All-American. He began his soccer adventure in the Westport Rec League and at Staples High School.