

Sal Vela

IMPACT Soccer Club
Coaching Staff



Biography:

- Impact Soccer Coach, 2013-Present
- Played soccer since the age of 6, Selected to Junior Olympic team
- Attended/Played at Pinole Valley HS
- Played Amateur Soccer in Berkeley, Concord and Marin
- USSF F & E Licensing
- US Soccer Grass Roots Pathway program
- NorCal Soccer Symposium (list them)
 1. Grassroot program development -2017
 2. Tactical Training for 6-9 year olds – 2017
 3. Scouting/Systems of play -2017
 4. Playing the Stanford way-2017
 5. Opponent in possession / pressure of opponent -2017
- Target Store Team Leader

Philosophy:

In regards to playing time my goal is for each player to get as much playing time as possible, equally distributed playing time. Players will learn the most by actually, playing the game. I believe in focusing on the fundamental and technical aspects for my younger teams and incorporate the tactical side of the game as they get older. This is important as they develop and can only be attained by playing time.

I also believe in a child centered environment, which allows for an emphasis on development. Understanding where my kids are developmentally allows me to understand what my players can do physically, technically and psychologically. It helps me lead more confident players who are willing to try new things but they will also have fun doing it. I've learned to appreciate that every child grows and learns at a different rate.

I believe in long term player development, providing players with active learning experiences will promote long term player development so they can play our beautiful game for a long time to come.

Lastly, I also believe that a coach I can influence and help shape our children not only on the field but provide experiences through competitive soccer that will translate into their life right away and for the rest of their life. Hard work, resiliency, dedication, working in groups and being coached are all life-long skills that will stay with them for a lifetime.

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I've always been inspired by Coach K as a leader of Target with over 300 hundred employees, now as a soccer Coach and Father.....:

“I believe in you “

Those four words can mean the difference between a fear of failure and the courage to try.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski
Duke basketball coach