Dan Abshier

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Dan is entering his third year with WFC Rangers, and he brings more than 18 years of premier-level coaching experience to the club. Prior to joining the Rangers' coaching staff in 2011, Dan coached with Evergreen Soccer Club and Washington Rush for four years, and for 12 years with Skagit Storm (Northwest United). He has coached teams in three Washington Youth Soccer Challenge Cup championship matches, three other Challenge Cup semifinals and three more Challenge Cup quarterfinals. His GU14 Royal team was a finalist in the 2013 Challenge Cup, losing 1-0 to Northwest Nationals Blue in the championship match. In his first season with Rangers, Dan's GU13 Royal team reached the final of the 2012 Challenge Cup, losing 3-1 to Spokane Shadow in the title match. In the spring of 2012, his GU13 Royal team and BU13 Royal team became the first Rangers third teams to play in the Regional Club League, the most competitive league in Washington Youth Soccer. Dan's teams have won or been finalists in many summer tournaments and have captured several league titles over the past two decades. In 2000-2001 Dan served on the District 1 Olympic Development Program coaching staff and he has been involved in the development of many players who have gone on to play at the collegiate level, including Katie Warner (Western Washington University), Wendy Hugo (University of San Francisco), Emma Whitfield (Yale) and Ashleigh Wilson (University of South Alabama). Dan, who played amateur adult soccer in Snohomish and Skagit counties, holds the United States Soccer Federation's national 'C' coaching license and has attended many coaching workshops and clinics. Dan believes players must work hard to reach their potential but that the process must also be enjoyable. "Premier-level soccer is a highly competitive endeavor, but competition and fun don't have to be mutually exclusive," Dan says. "Players need to enjoy what they are doing, otherwise why play?"