

## **Suzanne Griffiths**

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Suzanne has been coaching youth soccer since 2007 and has been on the WFC Rangers coaching staff since 2011, serving as both a head coach and assistant coach for several teams. Suzanne also has coached for the Whatcom Development League and Whatcom Soccer Academy. Her WFC Rangers teams have won or been finalists in several summer tournaments and she was the assistant coach for the GU13 Blue Rangers team that finished second in the 2011 Washington Youth Soccer Challenge Cup. Suzanne, who holds the Washington State 'D' coaching license, began playing soccer in 1980. She played at Sehome High School and continues to play in Whatcom County recreational leagues. Suzanne also played on the women's golf team at Washington State University from 1993 to 1996. Suzanne says that "coaching young soccer players is one of the joys in my life. I look forward each week to watching players develop not only as athletes but as teens and young adults. I try to teach my players the value of working together as a team; that communication as a team can make us successful both on and off the field; and that competitive soccer can be tough and physical and hard, but still be enjoyable and fun. The most important thing that I want my players to learn is that soccer and the mental and physical skills that come with it are things that they can take with them and apply in many areas of their life."