

## **Carr to be Awarded Dr. Thomas Fleck Award for Excellence in Youth Coaching Education**

**FRISCO, TEXAS (January 21, 2009)** – US Youth Soccer announced that Dr. David Carr, of Barboursville, W.V., is the recipient of the Dr. Thomas Fleck, US Youth Soccer Excellence in Coaching Education Award. The Dr. Thomas Fleck Award is designed to honor a lifetime of dedication where one has, with integrity, honor, humor and humility, made extensive and far reaching contributions to the process by which youth soccer coaches are educated in America.

Carr will be honored at the US Youth Soccer Awards Gala on Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m., as part of the US Youth Soccer adidas Workshop in San Jose, Calif.

In 1978, Carr became part of the US Youth Soccer family when he served as president of the Vermont Youth Soccer Association, a proud member of US Youth Soccer.

After his term as president, Carr moved to West Virginia and became the director of coaching for the West Virginia Youth Soccer Association.

During his time as director of coaching, Carr achieved his USSF "B" License and he went on to coach at the collegiate level while also coaching youth soccer at both the competitive and recreational levels.

Currently, Carr is the associate professor and coordinator of physical education and coaching education for the School of Recreation and Sport Sciences in the College of Health and Human Services at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

In 1995, he became a national staff coach for U.S. Soccer, where he provided service as a coaching educator for the National Youth License course that he co-authored with Dr. Thomas Fleck and Dr. Ron Quinn, 2007 Dr. Thomas Fleck Award winner. US Youth Soccer continues to teach the National Youth License throughout the United States. Carr has taught over 25 courses since 1995.

Carr, along with Dr. Thomas Fleck, Dr. Ron Quinn, William Buren and Virgil Stringfield, wrote The Official US Youth Soccer Coaching Manual in 2002. In 2006, the manual was updated. Carr also co-authored Soccer – Mastering the Basic, Personalized Sport Instruction Series in 2000.

Carr also influenced the development and coaching of US Youth Soccer members by co-authoring the youth soccer coaching modules for the Under-6, Under-8, Under-10 and Under-12 age groups.

As a frequent speaker at the annual US Youth Soccer adidas Workshop, Carr has made over 25 presentations since 1996 at national workshops and also at US Youth Soccer State Associations' Workshops.