

2007 US Youth Soccer Excellence in Youth Coaching Education Award Winner Announced

Dr. Ron Quinn, a dedicated coach who was responsible for the development of the National Youth Coaching License, has been chosen to receive the US Youth Soccer Excellence in Youth Coaching Education Award, "The Dr. Thomas Fleck Award" during the 2007 US Youth Soccer adidas Workshop and Coaches Convention next week in St. Louis, Missouri.

Quinn will be presented with the award during the US Youth Soccer Awards Gala held Friday, March 2 in conjunction with the 2007 US Youth Soccer adidas Workshop and Coaches Convention in St. Louis.

The 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.

Dr. Ron Quinn has been an integral part of US Youth Soccer for years. As a member of the U.S. Soccer National Coaching Staff since 1996, Quinn was responsible for the development of the National Youth Coaching License. He served on the US Youth Soccer Coaching Committee from 1997-2005. Quinn has also written several coaching books that are the foundation of US Youth Soccer's coaching lessons, including the Official US Youth Soccer Coaching Manual and The Peak Performance: Soccer Games for Player Development.

"Quinn has dedicated his life to the education of coaches in youth development. Many of our current player development theories are based about his work," said Sam Snow, Director of Coaching Education for US Youth Soccer. "Quinn is skillful in terms of teaching not only the players, but also the coaches of those players. He has spent his life working towards the betterment of youth soccer in our country."

"He gives coaching his all. He uses his heart, soul and mind. Quinn treats every person he meets or coaches with respect and endless energy," said John Thomas, Assistant Director of Coaching Education for US Youth Soccer. "His players stay in touch with him for years out of admiration, friendship and appreciation for all that he has done for them."

Quinn's dedication to the sport is constant and persistent. He is constantly seeking new information or another opinion to challenge himself and continue to improve his coaching. People around the country respect his intelligence and his personality. He is honest and sincere in everything he does in life.

Quinn is currently an Associate Professor at Xavier University. He served as Xavier's head women's soccer coach from 1993-2004. Quinn also is on the Editorial Board of the Soccer Journal, the official publication of the NSCAA and won their 2005 Youth Long-term Achievement Award. He has written for numerous publications, written or co-written six books, and has been invited to present at numerous conventions and classes. He also continues to do research on player development and cognitive tactical stages of soccer players.

Quinn is the third recipient of the award. Dean Conway, former director of coaching for Massachusetts Youth Soccer, a proud US Youth Soccer member, won the award in 2006 and Dr. Thomas Fleck was the inaugural recipient.