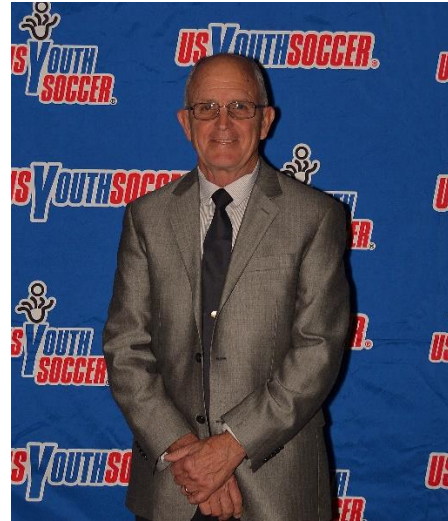


Tony Buniskis, 2016 US Youth Soccer Hall of Fame Inductee, Administrator

Anthony “Tony” Buniskis became involved in soccer in 1979, when his son started to play. Buniskis started out as a coach, and then became a board member of a major club in the Syracuse area, as well as a travel director and a State Cup director. Buniskis had a passion for education and training at all levels and as a result, the game of soccer grew exponentially under his radar.

In 1991, Buniskis joined the Board of Directors of New York West as the Syracuse Commissioner. During his time as commissioner, he developed a variety of manuals to inform and train the state soccer community. In addition, leading up to the 1994 World Cup, he helped to develop an electronic database to increase ticket sales in NY West.

Buniskis served as president of NY West until 2004, when he was elected Secretary of US Youth Soccer. Not only did NY West benefit from his leadership and guidance during his tenure with the organization, but so did other State Associations. Buniskis was always willing to share information and offer a helping hand to other leaders within the soccer community.



A NY West Board of Directors member said the following of Buniskis, “He is an extremely dedicated and hard worker who can always be counted on to deliver – and to deliver with professionalism and on time. But more importantly, he is a man of unquestionable honesty and integrity.”

Tony Buniskis has been married to his wife, Jean, for 45 years and has two children and four grandchildren. He has lived in Liverpool, N.Y., for 31 years.