



MLS Youth Soccer

Tommy Wilson – Philadelphia Union

Paul Caldwell – Chicago Fire

Mike Smith – Portland Timbers

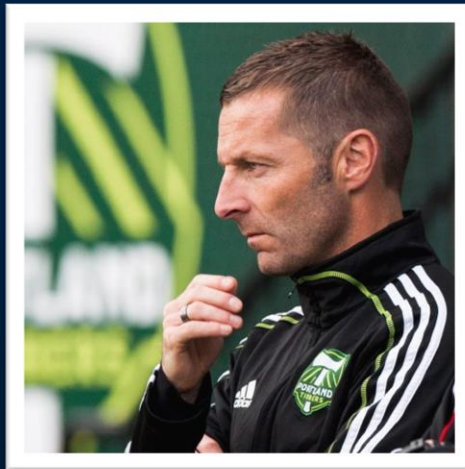


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Tommy Wilson
Philadelphia Union Academy Director



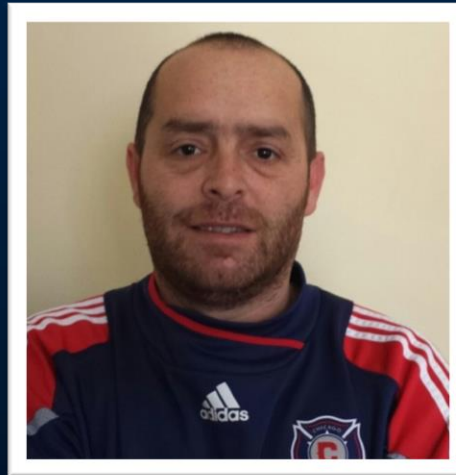


Mike Smith
Portland Timbers Youth Sporting Director





Chicago Fire Soccer Club



Paul Cadwell

Director of Soccer & Team Development



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Topics



- Changing the Culture
- Developing the Environment
- The Role of YSC Academy
- Bridging the Gap – 18's to First Team





Topics

THE VISION

Evolution of a Fully Integrated Player Development Program

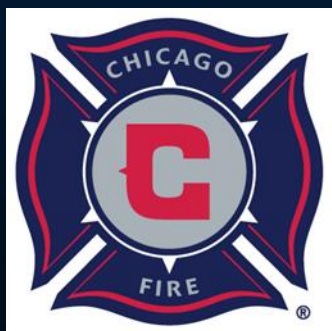
- * CFJ
- * PDL
- * Academy

ONCE ESTABLISHED

- * Successes
 - draft
 - wins
 - championships

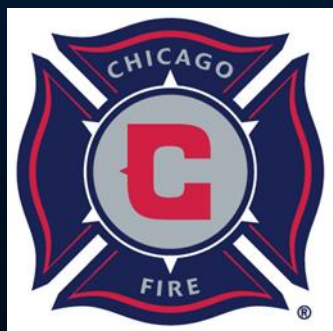
RE-EVALUATION PROCESS

- not good enough
- need to go younger
- need to develop a more intelligent player that can solve problems
- creativity is more than technical and dribbling!!!!





Topics



- Over Arching Goals of MLS Youth Teams
- Youth Development: Outcome v Process
- Long Term Development Plan
- Opportunities for both genders
- Community

