

CUP Coaches Earn USSF Coaching License

Cincinnati United Premier (CUP) is honored to have assembled one of the most experienced and knowledgeable coaching staff in the Midwest. CUP coaches have been involved in the game of soccer as head coaches in college programs, professional indoor and outdoor teams, the Olympic Development Program and have specialized in developing youth players all over the United States and Europe. The common thread that keeps CUP's staff on top of their game is their desire to continually educate themselves in the teaching methods used in the game of soccer.

This winter Dave Spacarelli, who currently is the head coach of the CUP U-17 boys white team, earned his United States Soccer Federation (USSF) "B" license. The "B" license is the second highest license available in the United States. This course is a nine-day learning intensive course. According to the USSF, the curriculum emphasis of the "B" License course is the development of training that provides greater meaning to positional play within the team structure (functional training), improved understanding of the roles of players and their responsibilities within the game, and development of collective play within the various lines of play as applied to tactics and concepts of play. Prerequisites: Candidates must be 19 years old and have earned a National "C" License (held for minimum of 12 months) and meets 3.2 Rule requirement.

Also this winter Rick Roettker, who currently is the assistant coach for the CUP U-17 boys white team, earned his USSF "A" license. The "A" license is the highest license available in the United States. The emphasis of the "A" License is on how the four components of the game (technical, tactical, physical and psychological) interact to form the 11v11 game.

We would like to congratulate Dave and Rick for passing this difficult license and for their continuous support of our players and club. The CUP coaching staff currently has seven coaches who hold a USSF "A" License. They are:

Scott Rodgers
Paul Rockwood
Greg Sczurek
Dan Smith
Frank Zuccalla
Rick Roettker
Carrie Taylor

Terry Nicholl holds the prestigious FA Full Badge from the English Football Association
John McGinlay holds UEFA "B" License

For more information on CUP's coaching staff please look on the left side of our website and click on "Coaching Staff".