

About Dan Rufner

Dan grew up playing soccer for Littleton United (Colorado) and for Arapahoe High School (ranked 6th in the nation his senior year) where he earned Defensive MVP and Most Inspirational Player awards. After some time off from the game, he took over as the Head Boys Varsity Coach position for Service High in 2002, going undefeated in Region IV his first three years and claiming one state championship (2004). Dan has been a member of Alaska Youth Soccer ODP Coaching Staff since 2005 and has attended Region IV ODP camp four times.

Dan has been a counselor in the Anchorage School District since 2001, currently at Service High School. He has a passion for helping all students play collegiate sports and used his background knowledge to write the NCAA guide for the Anchorage School District, "College Athletics 101", as well as founding My Game Plan Athlete Advising, an educational consulting company for student-athletes. Dan also founded the Alaska Northstars college showcase travel program in 2004. Dan is currently the Head Coach for the 05B team and Lead Coach for the U9G/U10G Bantams of the Alaska Rush School of Excellence as well as Alaska Rush's C.A.P. Director.



Education

- M.Ed. Counseling and Guidance, Point Loma Nazarene University, 2001
- B.S. Ecology, University of California San Diego, 1995

Coaching Qualifications

- NSCAA National Diploma, 2012
- United State Soccer Federation National "D" License, 1994
- Center for Ethical Youth Coaching Ethical Youth Coach Certification,

Coaching Experience

- Staff Coach, Alaska Youth Soccer ODP, 2005–Present
- Director, Alaska Northstars, 2004–Present
- Head Varsity Boys Coach, Service High School, 2002–Present
- Staff Coach, Coerver Alaska Training, 2010–2012
- Head Coach, AK United 89, 2003–2005

Sports Management Experience

- Founder, My Game Plan Athlete Advising, 2007-Present

Honors

- Alaska High School State Champions (Boys), Service High School, 2004

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