

### About Yeniel Bermudez

Prior to joining the club, Yeniel most recently was playing professionally with Los Angeles Blues of the USL Professional Division. Yeniel's professional career began in his native Cuba, playing with FC Cienfuegos in the Campeonato Nacional de Fútbol de Cuba. Yeniel was signed to a professional contract by Charleston Battery, making his professional debut on May 8, 2009 in game against the Carolina RailHawks, following a two-month trial with the Los Angeles Galaxy.

While captaining the Cuban U23 national team in the Olympic qualifying tournament in Tampa, Florida in March 2008, Bermudez along with several other members of the team, defected to the United States under the wet foot dry foot scheme that allows Cubans who reach U.S. soil to obtain asylum. Prior to defecting, Yeniel was Captain of the U20 Cuba National Team (9 starts, 1 goal), the U21 Cuba National Team (4 starts), and the U23 Cuba National Team (5 starts, 1 goal). Yeniel also made his full Cuba National Team debut on September 2, 2006 versus Turks and Caicos. He has eight caps for the Cuba National Team, six of which were starts.

Yeniel is Head Coach for the 01B and 99G Black teams as well as Lead Coach for Next:1 Training and Next:1/RUSH.



Education

- B.S. Physical Education and Coaching, Carlos Rafael Rodriguez University, 2008

### Coaching Qualifications

- Coerver Youth Diploma, 2013

### Coaching Experience

- Director of Player Development U15-U19, Alaska Rush, 2013-2014
- Director of Elite Programs, Alaska Rush, 2012-2013
- Youth Coach, Los Angeles Blues, 2011
- Coaching Director, Charleston Battery Youth Academy, 2009-2010

#### Playing Experience

- Los Angeles Blues (USL Professional Division), 2011
- River Plate Puerto Rico (Puerto Rico Soccer League), 2011
- Charleston Battery (USL Professional Division), 2009-2010
- Wilmington Hammerheads (USL Professional Division), 2009
- Guaynabo Fluminense, (Puerto Rico Soccer League), 2008
- FC Cienfuegos (Campeonato Nacional de Fútbol de Cuba), 2006-2008

#### Honors

- USL Second Division Champions (Charleston Battery), 2010
- Captain, U23 Cuban National Team, (Pre-Olympic Qualifying), 2008
- Captain, Campeonato Nacional de Fútbol de Cuba (FC Cienfuegos), 2008
- Best Defender of the Year, Campeonato Nacional de Fútbol de Cuba, 2008
- All-Star Player of the Year, Campeonato Nacional de Fútbol de Cuba, 2007
- MVP, FC Cienfuegos (Campeonato Nacional de Fútbol de Cuba), 2007
- Cuba National Team (Copa Del Caribe), 2006-2007
- U21 Cuba National Team (Centro Americano Games), 2006
- Campeonato Nacional de Fútbol de Cuba (FC Cienfuegos), 2005
- U20 Cuba National Team (World Cup Qualifying), 2005
- Captain, U20 Cuba National Team (Copa De Las Antillas) 2004

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