

Duane Barker
Head Coach
Boys U11 - Chaos - ERSL
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Duane comes from a family with deep soccer roots and a great history of soccer accomplishments. He was a competitive Nepean Hotspurs soccer player himself until age 16 when he switched his athletic focus to American football. He went on to numerous successes on the gridiron, which included winning the Ottawa-Carleton District High School championship, winning the Provincial Midget championship with Myers Riders, representing both organizations in their respective district All-Star games and travelling to the United States for Showcase All-Star Games. Duane eventually went on to play football with the University of Ottawa Gee Gees.

Following his tenure as a varsity football player, Duane returned to his soccer roots as a player with the Ottawa Falcons and also began his coaching career. He has been coaching competitively for 16 years and acquired his CSA National B Coaching Certification in 2005.

Duane has been a proud coach in the Nepean Hotspurs Club for the last 10 years, dating back to his first assignment as the assistant coach of infamous 1987 Hitmen Boys team. During his tenure, the '87 Hitmen were ranked as high as 3rd in the province of Ontario, won a bronze medal at the 2002 Ontario games, and advanced to the semi-finals of the Ontario Cup in 2004. Duane's coaching experience also includes multiple seasons in the OYSL on both the boys and girls side, an assignment in Ottawa's Premier Women's division, and travelling extensively with teams throughout the U.S and Canada for the purpose of showcasing Hotspurs soccer talent.

Duane is currently a member of the Nepean Hotspurs Technical Staff and is actively involved in the design and implementation of some of the city's most innovative soccer programs. One such program is the Nepean Hotspurs S.T.E.P where Duane is the lead coordinator.