

CONNECTICUT SOCCER COACHES' MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

To Connecticut high school athletic directors:

We know you're always looking for ways to help young coaches. The Connecticut Soccer Coaches Association wants to do what we can too.

This fall, the CSCA rolled out a mentorship program. The goal is to match new (or relatively new) coaches with those who have been around Connecticut high school soccer for a while.

Mentors and mentees can of course talk about soccer ideas (formations, training sessions, etc.). But they can also discuss:

- Designing a pre-season schedule
- Building and managing a staff
- Working with athletic directors and building administrators
- Handling difficult issues with players and parents
- Media relations
- Outreach to the community
- College recruiting process
- Career paths
- And anything else related to this great game of ours.

Mentors and mentees will *not* be from the same league or tournament division.

Mentors and mentees can structure their relationship any way they wish: phone, text, email or in-person meetings; regular check-ins or on an as-needed basis. The CSCA will put them together, and be available for help if needed. Each pair can figure out what works best for them.

As you hire new coaches, please let them know about this opportunity. They can contact Dan Woog, of Staples High School: dwoog@optonline.net; 203-984-9635.