



# NEW MEXICO YOUTH SOCCER

The governing body for youth soccer in New Mexico, affiliated with US Youth Soccer, the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

## NMYSA APPOINTS BIGNEY AS NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

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The New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA) has selected Bob Bigney for the position of Technical Director, effective immediately. The NMYSA provides programs, services and support for 28 youth soccer organizations, and just over 23,000 youth soccer players and coaches, throughout the State of New Mexico.

Bigney will take over most of the duties that have been performed by Joshua Groves for the past 12 years. Groves will continue with the NMYSA in the role of Director of Soccer Development. During Groves' tenure with the NMYSA, the organization has seen growth and stability in the areas of coach education and player development. Wishing to devote more time with his wife and 4 children, Groves will turn over most of the day to day operations and focus on developing new services for the NMYSA, as well as continued involvement in delivering the US Soccer coach education courses.

Bob Bigney, who served as the Director of Coaching & Player Development for the NMYSA from 1998 – 2003, and worked last year as the Associate Technical Director, returns to full-time capacity with the youth soccer group. "I am very excited about stepping into the position of Technical Director," commented Bigney, "and look to continue the services and programs that Josh has built up over the years. Working with Gloria [Faber, Executive Director] and Heather [Gallegos, Office Administrator/Registrar] in the office, we plan on expanding the services and support we offer to all our members around the State."

Bigney left New Mexico in 2007 to take on the role of Technical Director for the Arlington (VA) Soccer Association, a youth soccer club with more than 9000 members. In his 7 years with the ASA, he led a major restructuring which turned the club into one of the top soccer organization in the country. From 2014-2015, Bigney served as the Director of Education for the Oregon Youth Soccer Association. In this role, he created and delivered coach development programs throughout the State of Oregon.

"I had been looking to return to New Mexico for several years and Josh presented me with a wonderful opportunity to once again work for the NMYSA," stated Bigney. "I'm happy to be back in the Land of Enchantment."

"We are happy that Bob was available to step into this position," commented Gloria Faber, the Executive Director for the NMYSA. "His experience and knowledge of youth soccer around New Mexico will allow him to jump right in and provide quality assistance to our members. He will be traveling around the State working with all of our leagues and clubs. It's great to have him back in NM."

Bob Bigney holds his US Soccer A License, his NSCAA Premier and DoC Diplomas and holds a NM teaching license, most recently serving as a PE teacher at Cochiti Elementary School in Albuquerque. Bigney also taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Tombaugh ES in Las Cruces (2004-2007). He works on the National Instructional Staff for US Youth Soccer, delivering the National Youth Coaching Course around the country.

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