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## **Skyline Elite SC Hires New Girls Academy Director**

*Bronson Gambale becomes new Director of Girls Academy for Skyline Elite Soccer Club.*

Skyline Elite has hired Bronson Gambale as the club's Girls Academy Director. Bronson will direct the girls side of the club, managing the six elite teams U13-U19 in the national Girls Academy League. In addition to his role as Girls Director, Bronson will serve as head coach for the 2007 and 2006 Skyline Elite teams in Fall 2022.

Gambale comes to Skyline Elite via the sister clubs Virginia Soccer Association (VSA) and Virginia Development Academy (VDA) in northern Virginia where he worked since 2015. His role there was the VSA Director of Coaching, College Director and Media Director while also serving as head coach of the 2007, 2005 and 2003/04 VDA Girls teams in the ECNL National League. During his tenure he led teams to the National Finals five years in a row and was responsible for all recruiting of classes 2021, 2022 and 2023 with 22 Division 1 commitments this year alone.

Prior to VSA/VDA Gambale was the head Women's Coach for Southeastern University, a NAIA school in Florida. He improved a 3-13 team into a 10-7-1 record in his first year and oversaw all aspects of the program from recruiting, training, scholarship allocations and camps. He holds the USSF A License as well the La Liga Level 3 Methodology Certification from Spain in addition to a Masters of Science Counseling and Life Coaching from Liberty University.

Skyline Elite was launched in 2020 as an outgrowth of the SOCA club and has been a part of the Virginia Soccer Alliance since 2021. The club has a regional footprint drawing high achieving players from communities throughout western VA. Skyline Elite is a pre-eminent club in the Mid-Atlantic region competing in the Girls Academy League, a national league of many of the most competitive clubs in the country.

You can welcome Bronson to the club at his email address: [Bronson.Gambale@SkylineEliteSC.org](mailto:Bronson.Gambale@SkylineEliteSC.org).

**New Girls Academy Director, Bronson Gambale said:**

"I am eager and excited to start as the Girls Academy Director at Skyline Elite Soccer Club. I look forward to partnering with our incredible staff, these talented young ladies, and being a part of the community in the Skyline Region. It was clear from the first meeting with Matt Wilson and Jimmy Tharpe that Skyline Elite is a special place, and we all look forward to seeing our Girls Academy reach new heights on the National stage."

"I aim to cultivate a culture that will highlight our players, grow our coaches, and launch Skyline Elite ladies to the forefront of their college, international, and professional aspirations. I will bring vision for our families and embolden our players within a unique, top training environment."

**Skyline Elite Technical Director, Jimmy Tharpe said:**

"We are excited to welcome Bronson as our Girls Academy Director. Bronson has a vision to continue to grow our Skyline Elite Girls program and push it to the next level. His enthusiasm to create a positive, player-centered culture fits perfectly with what we are developing here. Bronson's experience of helping players find their best college during the recruiting process adds to his impressive resume and makes him a great fit at Skyline Elite. I am looking forward to collaborating with him and I'm sure our players and families will too."

**Executive Director of the Virginia Soccer Alliance, Matt Wilson said:**

"I enjoyed getting to know Bronson during our interview process and he emerged as the strongest candidate for the Girls Academy position. His experience is pertinent and he comes with impressive energy and ideas to ramp up our Skyline Elite girls program. Bronson has been successful wherever he has been. I know our girls players will enjoy working with him and I look forward to welcoming him and his family to our club."