



Dear Florence Soccer Association Players, Parents, and Fans,

I want to let everyone know about some exciting things that are going on with the Florence Soccer Association and soccer in the Florence Area.

#### New Soccer Facility

The Florence Soccer Association is working on an initiative to expand the soccer facilities in the Florence area. See the attached information sheet for more information about the initiative. We have received a \$2500 grant from the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau to perform a study on a location for a potential soccer complex. The project will require support from the Florence soccer community to build momentum to bring the facility to reality. The Florence soccer community will have to be able to show a presence at Florence County Council meetings and other Florence area organization meetings to show that there is an interest in such a facility in the Florence area. I would like to create a mailing list of those people who are interested in helping move this project forward. If you are interested in helping make this project a reality, then please contact me and provide your email address. Use the list of talking points to discuss this initiative with other people in the area.

#### New FSA Director of Coaching

Joel Person, the women's soccer coach at Francis Marion University, has been hired as the Director of Coaching for the association. Joel will provide overall structure to the FSA Soccer Program. As the Director of Coaching, Joel will ensure that each player is put into a challenging environment which will improve their technical skills and tactical knowledge. Joel has a United States Soccer Federation National B License and the USSF National Youth License.

Previously Joel served one season as an assistant women's coach at the University of Mobile. Joel was director of coaching with the Mobile Soccer Club in 2006-07, was the head boys' varsity coach at the UMS-Wright Preparatory School in Mobile for three seasons with a 41-16-4 record and three playoff appearances, and assisted with the University of Mobile men's program from 2002 to 2006. That final stint included the Rams' 2002 NAIA national championship season. Joel also worked for two years as a state coach with the Alabama Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program.

A native of Fairbanks, Alaska, Joel played four seasons at the University of Mobile, while the program made three NAIA Final Four appearances during his career. He played several seasons in the USL Premier Development League.

Thanks,

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