

Central Alberta Soccer Association

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Hello CASA Members

It is with great pleasure that we are able to Congratulate Lonny Behm as the latest recipient of two ASA Awards; an Award of Merit and the Bert Goldberger Technical Award!

The Award of Merit is presented to those who have displayed great achievements and brought pride to soccer in Alberta in the past year, winners are selected by the ASA Board of Directors. The Bert Goldberger Technical Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated Technical Leadership which has enhanced the reputation of soccer in Alberta. The recipients lead or inspire others to improve the game of soccer from a regional, provincial, national or international perspective. Winners are selected by the ASA Technical Committee.

Lonny is a valued member of the Central Alberta Soccer family. He started as a Coach in 2004. Over the years he has been the Alberta Summer Games Head Coach for Zone 5, a Tier 1 Assistant Coach for the former Club Red Deer United. In 2016-2017 he created the Crazy8 College Showcase to ensure that our Rural Kids in Central Alberta received the same attention from potential Colleges Recruiters for Scholarships. It was a successful program, with CASA players getting spots on College Teams. He has plans to restart the Program.

He has spent the majority of his Coaching career for the Ponoka Storm, building a training program for U5 to U9 within the community, based on LTPD that creates successful teams and Players. He has coached age groups from U5 to U19, Boys and Girls. Lonny is still an active Coach for the Ponoka Storm U13 Tier 3 Girl's team, which his daughter is member of, as well as an assistant Coach for their U11 Coed Team that his son plays on.

Along with his on the field Coaching, he has served two terms as a CASA Vice President, as well as a One-year term on the Alberta Soccer Association as Rural Director. The dedication he shows to both Soccer and Family is an inspiration to all. While working two jobs, both in service to his community, since 2022 he has also dedicated his "FREE" time to being the CASA Technical Director. He started as the Assistant CASA Technical Director in 2020. The job of CASA Technical Director can be overwhelming at

times, as he oversees a technical team and creates curriculum for our 16 Clubs to implement in building their own Soccer Programs. Along with running both Player and Coach development Clinics, Lonny has recently attained his Coach Learning Facilitator under Alberta Soccer.

Lonny Behm shows overwhelming dedication to Building an Amazing Soccer Future in Central Alberta on a daily basis. Over just the last year he has hit the ground running, creating and implementing much needed, much welcomed changes, engagement and enthusiasm for Soccer within our District.

So from all of us in CASA who have the privilege of working with you, thank you for all of your hard work and dedication Lonny! Congratulations! The future of CASA is very bright and we all look forward to it as we continue to build up our District, Clubs, Sport, and most importantly, our kids.

Thank You,

Jon Mulder

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