

CRAIG HARRINGTON

HEAD COACH



COACHING PHILOSOPHY/PERSONAL PROFILE

- Empower the team, I believe that the individual should serve the team and the team should serve the individual. Empower and promote the team.. create cohesion and togetherness.. a true culture of sharing.
- A hardworking and conscientious coach who has developed demonstrable team and player development as well as League and Cup achievements across multiple roles; utilizes performance analysis software and regular player reviews to implement innovative and progressive coaching sessions - allowing the team and players to continually develop their technical, tactical and physical capabilities.

EDUCATION & MEMBERSHIPS

USSF A License

FIFA Leadership and Administration Certificate NSCAA Get ahead Safely in Soccer

FA Learning: Psychology for Soccer

FIFA Futsal Coaching License

Bachelor of Arts Degree Film Studies

NSCAA LGBT Diversity Diploma

CONCACAF Soccer Coaching License

FIFA Women's Coaching Certificate

Coach logic & SoccerLab Trained

CONCACAF Grassroots Certificate

Enrolled USSF PRO License 2021

Professional Football Coaching Association | Member | 2013



Club America

Head Coach

2021-2022



Utah Royals

Head Coach

2020



Chicago Red Stars

1st Assistant Coach

2018-2020



Illinois ODP Girls Staf

Under 18's Head Coach

2018-2020



Florida Elite Soccer Academy

ECNL Director of Coaching

2016-2018



Turks & Caicos Islands Football

Technical Director

2013-2016



AFC Academy

Head Coach

2013-2016

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LA Galaxy

Academy Head Coach/Administrator
U16 Head Coach
U18 Assistant Head Coach

2010-2013
2011-2013
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CAREER DETAIL



Club América | Head Coach | 2021-2022

- As the Head Coach, responsible for leading on the design and delivery of individual and collective group training sessions to improve upon player and team performances in Liga MX Femenil
- Make the team selections, tactics and in-game decision-making
- Collate information regarding prospective players and emerging talent to produce detailed scouting reports
- Conduct analysis into opposition team players and their performance statistics throughout the season
- Edit and analyze recorded data and analytics gathered from competitive games to influence future training sessions

Key Achievements

Quarter Finals of Liga MX Playoffs |



Utah Royals FC | Head Coach | 2020

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Key Achievements

Quarter Finals of the NWSL | 2020 (Lost on penalties)



Chicago Red Stars | First Assistant Coach | 2018-2020

- As First Assistant Coach to the Head Coach, responsible for leading on the design and delivery of individual and collective group training sessions to improve upon player and team performances in the NWSL
- Support the Head Coach across match days, assisting with team selections, tactics and in-game decision-making
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- In Charge of the defensive scheme of the team.

Key Achievements

- NWSL Finalist | 2020
- Clubs single season highest point total, win total | 2019
- NWSL Playoff Semi Final | 2018
- Eight players called up to the USA Women National Team
- Two players called up to the Australia National Team
- Best away record in the NWSL 2 seasons in a row



Turks & Caicos Islands Football Association | Technical Director | 2013-2016

- Manage the production of the country's long-term development strategies for players and coaches at all levels of the game, from grassroots level to the Men's and Women's senior squads
- Make tangible contributions towards the improvement of the National Team program, ensuring it is cohesive in implementing the organisations fundamental philosophies across all national youth, academy and senior teams
- Successfully coordinate the technical and front office staff in carrying out duties, overseeing the smooth running of operations
- Responsible for leading player development and coach education sessions, with the aim of improving upon the overall standard of coaching and playing throughout all squads
- Manage whole teams and individual players within the National Team Programs (Men's and Women's), ensuring they have a supportive environment from which to develop their capabilities
- Regularly liaise with the local and national media to convey the association's stance on particular subjects
- Effectively manage the department's budget, utilising critical decision-making skills to make significant financial choices

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- Communicate with the President and General Secretary to discuss the effectiveness and impact of program

Key Achievements

- Rose the Women and Men’s National Football Team’s FIFA World Ranking by 27 places after only six months in charge
- Led the Women’s National Team to their first even win against the Bahamas in June 2015
- The Men’s National Team moved up a further two places in the FIFA World Rankings in 2014 and another one spot in 2015 – achieving the team’s highest ever FIFA ranking and the country’s biggest international win in the same season
- Gained extensive international coaching experience, competing in both the CONCACAF and CFU confederations
- Successfully led the Men’s National Team to the Russian 2018 CONCACAF World Cup Qualifiers
- Successfully managed the development and progression of a number of TCI players, with four signing for Division 1 Soccer Programs and another two players now playing professionally



LA Galaxy | Academy

2010-2013 | U16 Head Coach | U18 Assistant Head Coach | 2011-13

Head Coach/Administrator |

- Assisted the club’s President Chris Klein in the development and growth of all Galaxy Academy programs
- Managed the selection and technical development of players aged 12 to 18, providing them with the ongoing support and guidance to progress and compete at the next level of the game
- Worked to improve upon the club’s coaching standards to provide players with the most current training sessions and methods
- Wrote the club’s first coaching curriculum which needed approval from the Head Coach and the GM, Bruce Arena
- Designed and delivered structured age-appropriate training sessions tailored to the capabilities of each age group as well as ensuring they continued to be fun, engaging and challenging for the players

Key Achievements

- Coached the U16 squad on to winning the US Soccer Development Academy So Cal Division in 2011 and 2012
- Has successfully overseen the progressive development of a number of U16 and U18 players on to achieving the next step in their career, including moving on to the First Team and Galaxy 2nd Team
- The U18 squad won the Generation Adidas Cup in 2011, and the USSDA So Cal Division in 2012 and 2013

TEAM ANALYSIS EXPERIENCE

Chicago Red Stars	2018-Present
Turks and Caicos Islands Women’s and Men’s International Team	2013-2016
Presented to US Soccer Federation and Double Pass: Analysis of Borussia Dortmund	May 2015
LA Galaxy Academy	2011-2012

- Create an opposition scouting report for the club’s management team to analyze and assess
- Prepare and present appropriate opposition video clips to players, and conduct a set play and game plan presentation

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- Liaise with coaching staff regarding team selection, set play organization game plan and obtain relevant pictures
- Collect video data during competitive games, utilizing a wide angle, and tag videos so feedback can be easily accessed
- Liaise with the Manager and Assistant Manager on what they hope to gain from post-match feedback and the debrief session

KEY SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- **Coaching:** A self-motivated and proactive coach who combines industry certificates with extensive experience to develop players and teams capable of competing at their optimal level.
- **Leadership:** An enthusiastic and confident professional who leads by example, capable of motivating individual players, entire squads and coaching staff during despondent times; is firm in implementing strategies while remaining approachable.
- **Communication:** Utilizes exceptional verbal communication and interpersonal skills to convey instruction to players during training sessions and competitive games, and provides squads with an open and supportive environment to voice their opinions.
- **Player Development:** Capable of designing and delivering innovative coaching curriculums at all levels of the game, from grassroots up to senior football, with a strong focus on providing well-rounded and progressive programs in line with a club's philosophy.
- **Planning & Organisation:** Possesses the vision to plan, organize and produce entire long-term strategic coaching programmes, prioritising tackling team weaknesses through individual player reviews.
- **Research & Analysis:** Experienced and adept at carrying out extensive and detailed opposition, match and post-match analysis, ensuring data collected is accurate and relevant before presenting findings to the Manager and Assistant Manager

KEY PLAYERS WORKED WITH

Player | Coached at | Current Club / National Team

Julie Ertz | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | USA

Sam Kerr | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chelsea FA WSL | Australia

Morgan Brian | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | USA

Alyssa Naehler | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | USA

Casey Short | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | USA

Rosie White | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | New Zealand

Yuki Nagasato | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Japan

Sofia Huerta | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Ol Reign | USA

Arin Gilliland | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL

Katie Naughton | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Houston Dash NWSL

Rachel Corsie | Utah Royals NWSL | Utah Royals NWSL/Birmingham City FA WSL | Scotland

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Kelly O'Hare | Utah Royals NWSL | Utah Royals NWSL | USA
Desiree Scott | Utah Royals NWSL | Utah Royals NWSL | Canada
Katie Bowen | Utah Royals NWSL | Utah Royals NWSL | New Zealand
Vanessa DiBernardo | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL
Tierna Davidson | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | USA
Nikki Stanton | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Klepp TOPPSERRIEN, Norway
Alyssa Mautz | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL
Savannah MaCaskill | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL
Danielle Colaprico | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | USA
Sarah Gordan | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL
Michele Vasconcelos | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL
Bri Vissali | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Houston Dash
Katie Johnson | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Mexico
Maria Sanchez | Chicago Red Stars NWSL | Mexico

TESTIMONIALS

He's a great man on and off the pitch. He is tactically organized and pays attention to every detail. He studies the opposition extensively and gives a lot of emphasis to the mental side of things. I'm so thankful to him for showing belief in me."

Katie Naughton - Houston Dash

I have known Craig now for over 9 years and he is very knowledgeable with a proven track record of developing departments, players and winning. He is someone that has a huge amount of belief in his own abilities and displays a winning mind-set. He would be an asset to any club with a great amount of experience in all levels of 'elite' soccer."

Curt Onalfo - Technical Director New England Revolution

Craig is an outstanding coach and person. He has helped me to improve me tactically and technically as a player and development as a person. I have always enjoyed his training sessions as he is an excellent coach and is demanding in a positive manner."

Sam Kerr - Chelsea Women's Team and Australia Women National Team Captain

Craig must be credited with bringing professionalism to the National Team and revolutionizing the game on and off the pitch for my country. His leadership and attention to detail are key components to his process. His ability to motivate and guide me as a player, even at times hard edged, inspires me and has ultimately led to the most successful time on the pitch for the Men's National Team Program."

Kevin Glinton - Former LA Galaxy and San Jose Earthquakes Player

REFERENCES

Professional references are available from:

- **Rory Dames:** Head Coach/GM Chicago Red Stars: Tel:+ (847) 489-2418
- **Sam Kerr** Chelsea Player: Tel: 614130777484.

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- **Samantha Johnston** Retired NWSL Player; Tel: +(323) 337-5694

References: Further references are available upon request.