

# GCVSA'S NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

The GCVSA Board of Directors is excited to announce that **Rick Jacobs** is our new Technical Director. Rick is nationally known for his tenure at *St. Benedict's Prep* in New Jersey, *The Philadelphia Union* and *ESF Summer Camps*. Rick will be spending time with both the travel and recreation programs.

- **Travel Program:** Rick will be working with ALL our travel coaches to improve their coaching skills, reviewing the skill levels of their players and suggesting ideas to improve the play of their team as a whole and how to improve each player as an individual.
- **Recreation Program:** Rick will be holding coaching clinics during the fall and spring seasons. During the fall running a practice session for each of the clinic and division teams.

The following are **excerpts** from various articles written about Rick Jacobs.

Rick Jacobs coached Claudio Reyna, who arguably is the best soccer player New Jersey has ever produced. He guided six of his St. Benedict's soccer teams to national titles and oversaw a 131-game winning streak that fell one game shy of tying the all-time national record.<sup>1</sup>

As one of the most successful high school coaches of all-time at Newark's St. Benedict's Prep, Rick Jacobs coached a lot of talented players. But now with Benedict's alums taking powerful coaching and front office roles, he gives insight into their past.<sup>2</sup>

In Jacobs' 25 years of coaching, he was the Head Soccer Coach at St. Benedict's Prep School in New Jersey, was the V.P. of Business Development seven-years for Philadelphia Union, has worked with Adidas and has helped run summer camps for up to 500 campers each summer. He has led his teams to six national championships, 23 state championships and has celebrated an undefeated streak. He now focuses on "coaching coaches" as a Program and Business Developer for ESF.<sup>3</sup>

**For more information please Google Rick Jacobs Soccer.**

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<sup>1</sup> By MIKE KINNEY  
on May 24, 2010 10:17 PM, updated August 23, 2013 1:17 AM

<sup>2</sup> ASN's @BrianSciaretta spoke with Rick Jacobs, Gregg Berhalter, Tab Ramos, and Claudio Reyna.

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<sup>3</sup> Master Coach Rick Jacobs Visits Sports Camp

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