



Stefan Draganov

Director of Coaching

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Stefan Draganov brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Thunder Soccer Club. He is a former professional soccer player and coach of high level soccer in Bulgaria, Hong Kong, and Portugal. This, combined with his serious knowledge of the game and leadership, has given him a unique ability to discover, develop, and coach soccer talents for the elite levels of the game. Since 2001 Stefan has been coaching in the Columbia area. Currently, in addition to coaching for Thunder SC, Stefan is the Head Men's Coach at Howard Community College and the Head Men's Coach at Maryland Red Devils.

Over the years Stefan has coached at all levels (pro, youth, college and amateur) in the United States and Europe. At the youth level with Thunder Soccer Club teams, he has over 30 promotions in NCSL. In 2010, under Stefan's direction, the Howard CC Men's soccer team won the Maryland JUCO Conference (11-0-1) and Region XX titles, and advanced to the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) National Championship Tournament for the first time in the HCC men's soccer history. In the same year, Stefan received both the Maryland JUCO Conference and NJCAA District "F" Coach of the Year awards. He was also named the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-East Region Coach of the Year. In 2017, Stefan again coached the HCC Dragons to win the Maryland JUCO Conference and Region XX title. They advanced again to the NJCAA National Championship Tournament and placed eighth nationally.

Stefan also runs the successful Draganov School of Soccer (camps and clinics). For more information about Stefan Draganov please visit www.draganovsoccer.com.

Education:

- NSCAA Director of Coaching Diploma
- UEFA "A" License - Bulgarian National Academy
- UEFA "C" License - Bulgarian National Academy
- Physical Education – Plovdiv University

Coaching Experience (19 years):

- Youth level: Thunder SC Director of Coaching and coach (17 years)

- Maryland ODP (2 years) & Maryland DDP (2 years)
- Pro level: FC Lokomotiv Plovdiv (2 years)
- College Level: Howard CC (Head Coach, 14 years)
- Amateur Level: MD Red Devils (NPSL) 2001-2002

Playing Experience (28 Years):

- Youth level:
 - FC Lokomotiv-Plovdiv (Academy), Bulgaria – 10 years
- Pro level:
 - FC Lokomotiv- Plovdiv, Bulgaria – 10 years
 - CSKA-Sofia, Bulgaria Champion 1992 & BG Cup Winner 1993 – 2 years
 - Botev-Plovdiv, Bulgaria – 2 years
 - InstantDict-Hong Kong Champion 1998; FA Cup Winner 1997 – 2 years
 - Leixoes-Porto, Portugal – 1 year