



# 2024–2025 DYSA Male and Female Coach Mentor of the Year

In Honor of Dr. Lew Atkinson

## Purpose

This award honors exceptional male and female coach mentors who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to developing coaches and positively impacting the Delaware soccer community. Named in memory of **Dr. Lew Atkinson**, a lifelong advocate for coach education, leadership, and mentorship in Delaware youth soccer.

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## Requirements to Apply

The nominee shall be selected for extraordinary accomplishments as a mentor to coaches within the DYSA community. The individual must:

1. Have served as a mentor (formal or informal) to youth coaches during the 2024–2025 seasonal year.
2. Be affiliated with DYSA, a DYSA-sanctioned league, club, or team.
3. Demonstrate commitment to supporting coach education, development, and leadership.

## Select one category:

- ☐ Male Coach Mentor of the Year
- ☐ Female Coach Mentor of the Year

## Nominee Information

### Name:

*(As it should appear on the award)*

### Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone (with area code):

Email:

Club/League Affiliation:

Occupation (if applicable):



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## Criteria for Nomination

*Please respond to each of the following on a separate sheet (400 words max per response):*

1. **Mentorship Impact**

How has the coach supported, educated, or guided fellow coaches? Include examples of mentorship in action.

2. **Coach Development**

How has the nominee helped foster learning, growth, or leadership in other coaches?

3. **Personal Coaching and Mentorship Philosophy**

What is the nominee's philosophy around mentorship and coach development? What training has shaped their approach?

4. **Community Involvement and Legacy**

In what ways has the nominee promoted soccer development beyond their team? How have they helped grow the Delaware soccer community?

## Nominator Information

**Name:**

**Relation to Nominee:**

**Phone (with area code):**

**Email:**

**Club/League Affiliation:**