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2011 US Youth Soccer Competitive Coach of the Year regional winners announced  
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### **National winner to be named at US Youth Soccer Awards Gala**

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**FRISCO, Texas (Jan. 9, 2012)** - US Youth Soccer announces the regional winners of the 2011 US Youth Soccer Boys and Girls Competitive Coach of the Year awards. The Competitive Coach of the Year is awarded to a competitive coach for both a boys team and a girls team for his or her coaching activities, sportsmanship, player development, personal coaching development and citizenship.

The national Boys and Girls Competitive Coach of the Year will be announced at the US Youth Soccer Awards Gala on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m., as part of the [US Youth Soccer Workshop](#) in Boston.

Brief bios of the regional winners are below based on the submitted nomination forms:

#### **Boys Competitive Coach of the Year regional winners:**

##### **Region I – William Laycock – Sandown, N.H.**

As a volunteer competitive soccer coach in the Timberwolves Soccer Club for 18 years, Bill Laycock has been developing young players with a simple motto, "Play simple." Laycock encourages a positive team attitude and good sportsmanship. This mentality has paid off as Laycock has led teams to [US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup](#) and [State Championships](#), as well as [Region I Championship](#) tournaments. Additionally, Laycock encourages his players to become referees.

##### **Region II – Matt Vogel – Lexington, Ky.**

Matt Vogel used his successes as a youth and college soccer player to propel him into coaching for LFC in Kentucky. He has led his team to consecutive [US Youth Soccer State Championship](#) finals appearances and to a division championship in the Midwest Regional League. In addition to his club duties, Vogel is a member of the [US Youth Soccer Kentucky](#) ODP staff. Vogel holds a USSF "D" License.

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Wilson Rendon began his coaching career leading his own children and has gone on to coach youth teams for more than 15 years with Orange County Soccer Club and with Florida Rush Soccer Club. Rendon has won multiple [US Youth Soccer State Championships](#) based on his approach of player development. Currently, Rendon holds a USSF "C" License and a [National Youth License](#). He was also a Grade 6 referee for many years.

#### **Region IV – Stan Baker – Tualatin, Ore.**

Stan Baker, director of coaching at Newberg Soccer Club, has traveled the world to better his coaching ability. In addition to his club duties, Baker coaches an [Oregon US Youth Soccer ODP](#) team that has produced 19 players invited to [Regional US Youth Soccer ODP](#) pools over two years. Baker holds a USSF "A" License and a [National Youth License](#), as well as FIFA-approved licenses from Brazil, Peru and Argentina.

#### **Girls Competitive Coach of the Year regional winners:**

##### **Region I – Joseph Apodaca – Manassas, Va.**

Joseph Apodaca secured his first coaching responsibility at age 14. For the three decades since, "Coach A" has honed his coaching skills through years of military service, international experience and coaching education. Apodaca began coaching club soccer in 2004 at Prince William Soccer, Inc., and his players have gone on to success at the club and [US Youth Soccer ODP](#) levels. He currently holds a USSF "A" License.

##### **Region II – Keri Heedum – Cincinnati, Ohio (Ohio South Youth Soccer Association)**

On and off the field, Keri Heedum focuses on maintaining a positive attitude while working hard. Her Hammer FC teams train and play in an environment of joy and hard work. Heedum holds a USSF "C" License and [National Youth License](#). Prior to her current positions at Hammer FC and Xavier University, Heedum served as a staff coach in Utah Youth Soccer State Association and Florida Youth Soccer Association.

##### **Region III – Adrian Solca – Trophy Club, Texas (North Texas Soccer Association)**

Adrian Solca wants all of his players to learn one thing, "all hard work yields a profit." Solca coaches various levels in North Texas and finds success in each, from leading his Solar Soccer Club Under-16 girls to the 2010 [US Youth Soccer South Regional Championship](#) and [National Championship](#) to guiding his U-11 girls to a league championship. A native of Romania, Solca holds a UEFA Level "A" certification.

##### **Region IV - Stephanie Coppola – Santa Fe, N.M.**

Stephanie Coppola has successfully transitioned from elite player into competitive coach and has instilled her love of the game in her players. Coppola holds a USSF "B" License and currently coaches at Rio Vista FC and for [New Mexico US Youth Soccer ODP](#). As a credit to her coaching abilities, two years ago Coppola took over a second division team, which after two years will compete in the state championships.

The US Youth Soccer Workshop will be held in Boston from Feb. 16-18, 2012. The annual convention will be held at the Hynes Convention Center and is designed to further the education of coaches, administrators, referees and enthusiasts involved in the game. [Online registration](#) continues through February 9. For more information please visit [USYouthSoccer.org/Workshop](#).

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