

Richard Suffield

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Richard arrived in Oklahoma passionate about soccer, after all, he'd been playing since he was 6 years old. He played for various clubs and schools throughout his youth. Richard then played for his local club team Harrow, London, England until he immigrated to Canada in 1962, where he met his wife Josie and joined Burlington United Football Club.

Richard held many coaching, administrative, and volunteer positions at Yukon Soccer Club and Frontier Country. He was the ADOC under Brian Harvey for the overseas All Star Touring Teams of 1986, 1987, and 1989. They traveled and played in England, Wales, Scotland, Denmark, and Sweden.

Richard's accomplishments in developing soccer in Oklahoma are many, but he would say his greatest accomplishment was being able to connect with youth both on and off the field while teaching them the skills of soccer and being part of a team. The fruit of his labors is clear when you see just a small sample of comments from past players and peers alike. Joey Hinkle exclaims, "Richard is one of the most influential men in my life. I love soccer because of Rick Suffield." David Clark Jr. told us " ... Rick single handedly put me on a path to succeed."

Rick's philosophy? "Play hard, practice hard, play fair, have fun
and ALWAYS give 100% effort."