

## Kerry Shubert

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When Kerry Shubert began playing soccer at the age of seven for Broken Arrow, it was doubtful he thought the game would someday be his source of livelihood or provide the inspiration to spend over 30 years in the sport. As a player, he advanced through the Broken Arrow club's program and then joined the Tulsa Futball Club coached by Hall of Fame member Tom Iadevaia.

Following high school, Kerry enrolled at Oklahoma Christian University and capped his collegiate career serving as team captain in both junior and senior years. In 1990 he joined the Oklahoma City Warriors and for two years played for the semi-professional team.

During this time he often coached at soccer camps and at the University of Oklahoma camp where he met his wife Amber. The Shubert family grew to include Savannah, Seth, and Simon and if you are member of the Shubert family, you played soccer. Currently all three are playing in the Lil Kickers classes at Kerry's Soccercity facility.

In 1992, Kerry began coaching high school soccer at Edmond Santa Fe and within four years had led the team to the 5A state championship. Named Coach of the Year by the Oklahoma Soccer Coaches. Kerry then accepted the assistant coaching position with the university of Tulsa women's team. During this time, he also attained numerous coaching licenses from USSF, US Youth Soccer, and NSCAA. Using his skills as a player and coach, Kerry moved to coaching soccer with girls' teams. He was the first girls' coach in the state to have a team, EFC Capital City Elite 78, win a regional championship. Kerry moved back to his hometown of Broken Arrow to coach the Hurricane Futball Club 92 team and under his guidance they advanced to the regional finals in 2007. The HFC 93 squad added to Kerry's accomplishments by winning state championships with his guidance. Another first for Kerry and his HFC 92 team was acceptance to the US Youth Soccer National League which pits regional and national championship squads in competition. Recently, Kerry's HFC 95 team went an entire season in the Premier League west without having a goal scored on them. They are currently in first place in the National league with one game left.

His career as a club coach includes 17 state championships, 6 regional quarterfinals, 5 regional semi-finals, and 2 regional finals. Names OSA girls' coach of the year in 2007. Kerry believes that players should learn to respect the game and in turn use those values they have gained in life after soccer. A firm believer in education, Kerry has coached over 50 players who have earned a college scholarship and 32 of those were at NCAA Division I schools.

In order to offer soccer year-round to the Tulsa area, Kerry recently became owner and manager of Soccercity, an indoor facility providing training for youth and adult soccer players. Whether coaching or managing a facility, Kerry believes that by working together, regardless of club affiliation, the soccer landscape of Oklahoma will be improved.