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Washington Timbers FC Welcomes New Girls Director, Chelsea Buckland!

We are excited to announce that we have hired Chelsea Buckland to join us as Girls Director with Washington Timbers starting in April 2022!



The Washington Timbers are committed to providing opportunities for youth to aspire to their highest level in soccer and life. After getting to know Chelsea better through the interview process, we are confident that she aligns with this mission, our vision, and our club's Core Values!

Chelsea is moving to Southwest Washington from the Seattle area and brings extensive soccer playing, coaching, and leadership experience to our club. She is originally from North Delta, British Columbia. Her successful youth soccer experience led her to a full athletic scholarship to play soccer at Oregon State University. As assistant captain, Chelsea earned 2011 All-Pac-12 First Team and NCAA All Pacific Region First team for her success on the field.

Chelsea also was a member of the Canadian Women's National Team from 2010-2012. She was an alternate for the 2011 Women's World Cup team and played during 2012 CONCACAF qualifying for the 2012 London Olympics. She became an alternate for the 2012 Olympic team due to an ACL injury. She played with the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Women's Whitecaps in the W-League and the WPSL.

Chelsea's coaching experience began while she was a youth soccer player and continued through her college soccer playing years. She has worked as a club head coach in Arizona, specifically with FC Tucson and, as a head coach and Girls Youth Olympic Development Director with Arizona State ODP. Most recently Chelsea worked as a Girls Academy League head coach and Recreational Director at ISC Gunners. She has managed large events across the west coast and Canada as the National Events Director with a large sports marketing organization along with her extensive youth soccer coaching and leadership experience.

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"I am honored and grateful to be given the opportunity to join the staff as the Girls Director at WA Timbers FC. I want to thank Robin Bostwick and the leadership team for trusting me to lead the Girls Side. I am excited to get to know the staff and continue to develop the club culture that strives for excellence from all our players, both on and off the pitch. As a coach and former professional athlete, I bring extensive playing and coaching experience, and my mission is to guide and empower players to optimum athletic and personal success," said Chelsea about joining Washington Timbers FC.

Our Technical Director, Robin Bostwick, on Chelsea joining the club, "Chelsea made it clear from the first time we spoke that she is incredibly passionate about leading players and coaches. She brings enthusiasm, experience, and drive to her approach as a leader. I look forward to her sharing these traits with our players and coaches and I am excited to get started working with her!"

Chelsea is planning to be out at the fields this week to start the process of getting to know our area, and our players and coaches. Please connect with her to welcome her to Washington Timbers FC if you see her on the field! Congratulations to Chelsea and the Washington Timbers FC!