



## STAFF COACH PROFILE

**Name:** Mehdi Rafie Neisiani

**Hometown:** Tehran, Iran

**Current ASA Program/Team:** U10 Boys Prospects

**Highest coaching license held:** Learn to Train

**Highest level played:** University

### **Brief soccer bio:**

My passion for soccer began playing the game with other children in my Tehran neighbourhood. Early high school was my first time under coaching and realized the important influence a coach has in the personal and skills development of young players. My love for the game grew and I played for my university team and in the Tehran provincial league for five years. Since arriving in Canada I have been coordinating the drop-in soccer program for Abbotsford Community Services.

### **Coaching Philosophy:**

Soccer is the most popular and accessible sport in the world. My coaching philosophy is to mentor players to understand their roles as part of a team. This includes recognizing and developing individual skills, relationships, respect, discipline, and hard work that will combine to create a desire for team success. The coach brings the motivation, structure, and standards to create a cohesive unit.

### **Favorite professional team:**

FC Barcelona & Italy