

Michael Mortimer
Chili Vortex
Boys 2011 Travel

Mike moved to America in 1982 with his family from Leicester England to East Aurora, NY. East Aurora is a small town outside Buffalo with a rich soccer history. Mike was immediately involved with the Aurora Arsenal, the local soccer club, with whom he spent his formative playing years. Mike went on to great successes in the program both as a player, a coach and a player/coach. One of Mike's fondest memories was the summer of 1991 where both his U10 boys whom he coached and his U19 team where he was the player/coach one the Coaches Cup Tournament at Old Fort Niagara (now know at the Niagara Pioneer Tournament). Mike continued his playing career at Canisius College, a D1 college in Buffalo, competing as a walk on freshman and ended up starting about half of their games. After that year Mike had to stop playing in college due to the time commitment and having to work so he continued his playing career in the BDSL. He eventually ended up running his team reunited with many players he coached as a 16 year old and that team won two Tehel Cups and multiple division titles. Mike continues to play to these day in the RDSL for JGR who this year moved to the over 40 division.

In addition to his coaching experience with the Aurora Arsenal for many years Mike has coached in the Chili Soccer Association since 2013 for tykes, house and travel levels, coached one year in Churchville and also volunteered for a season at St. Pius, where both his boys attended, coaching CYO soccer.

Our goals for this summer and continue to have our boys grow as individuals, players and as a team. We are continually working on the boys' soccer skills, increasing their knowledge of the game and emphasizing to them the importance of having fun and being positive teammates. We are competing in the U10 first division this summer which will put us up against the best Rochester has to offer at this age level. We are aiming to see how we do against these teams with continual emphasis on what kind make us stronger as a team and as individuals.