

## Podeyn, Robert - Bio

## Robert Podeyn - Girls' Director - Nevada Rush Soccer Club

Robert Podeyn is a dedicated and skilled professional coach, author, and instructor with an impressive background in soccer. He has extensive experience in coaching, administrative management, recruiting, project leadership, program development, marketing, staff supervision, team building, leadership training, and long-term planning. Podeyn has over 28 years of college coaching experience, including 24 as a head coach at the Division I, II, and NAIA levels. He is the current Head Women's Soccer Coach at Mohave College in Bullhead City, Arizona. Podeyn has won more than 200 games at the college level in a career spanning 28 years.

Coach Podeyn also brings more than 40 years of practical youth coaching experience spanning 8 states and 6 countries. He also assisted the U17 Women's National Team in 2001 helping their Goalkeepers prepare for the Under 17 World Championships. His teams have competed at all levels winning state and region titles. His 2004 Crossfire Team were National Runners up in 2019 losing the National Championship game in Denver, Colorado on penalties. Podeyn has his USSF National 'A License, NSCAA Premier Diploma, NSCAA National Youth Diploma, NSCAA Advanced National Goalkeeping Diploma, Brazilian Coaching License, Italian Master Level I Coaching License, English Football Association (FA) Coaching Certificate with an upgrade to his UEFA 'C' License, and an Advanced KNVB Tactical Evaluation Certificate.

Podeyn is also an educator and an author having been an English and Law Studies Teacher for more than 10 years in Florida and New York. He has published 11 books and more than a dozen journals and articles through the largest soccer publisher in the world, World Class Coaching. He has worked with AFC Ajax and Vitesse in Holland, Clube Atlético Mineiro in Brazil, and Fiorentina in Italy.

Nevada Rush Technical Director Grant Vermillion echoed the sentiments of Rush Soccer leadership regarding Podeyn's appointment.



"Rob is a serial winner with a deep passion for player development and a proven ability to build cohesive and competitive teams," said Vermillion. "His track record speaks for itself, and I am confident that he is the right choice to harness the immense potential within the Las Vegas soccer community. We are thrilled to have Rob on board as we embark on this exciting journey to achieve success with all of our players and coaches."

Podeyn expressed his enthusiasm for the role: "The decision to join Nevada Rush wasn't just about football for me; it's about the opportunity to teach and develop young players to reach their full potential. The energy, passion, and hunger to achieve something truly great here — those are the things that inspired me. I see players full of talent and potential, and together, we're going to build something special that Las Vegas will be proud of."

Robert Podeyn will begin his official duties with tryouts at the end of May.

