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The Vikings Explorer



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IMPORTANT SFVSC DATES:

Feb 19th: 5v5
Developmental
Training Begins
([Click here for details!](#))

March 6th: Soccer
Information Fair

March 14th: 5v5
Developmental
Training Ends

March 9th: Spring
League Starts

April 27th/28th: Fall
Tryouts for birth years
2006 and younger.
(Location and time
TBD)

May 2nd/3rd: Fall
Tryouts for birth years
2005 and older.
(Location and time
TBD)



*Happy Valentine's Day, Vikings family!
You can find more Vikings showing their love for the game below!*

2019 Vikings Summer Camp

It's back!

Vikings is proud to announce our annual summer camp will be returning to the beautiful field of Beach Chalet this year! Starting the week of July 8th-12th, the camp will run until the end of the week of August 12th-16th.



Younger campers can look forward to a variety of activities designed to keep them engaged with one another and enjoying the sport of soccer. Older players can expect a more focused approach on developing soccer skills and athletic abilities.

Campers can sign up for any or all weeks of camp. Extended care is also available before and after camp for a low fee.

**July 8th - August
16th: Summer Camp**
[\(Click here for details!\)](#)

PHOTO CONTEST!

WIN FREE VIKINGS GEAR BY
TAKING A PHOTO OF
YOURSELF IN VIKINGS
ATTIRE IN A RANDOM
LOCATION AND SUBMITTING
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The most impressive photo
wins!

**This Month's Winner:
Coach Jim Broshar!**



All the way from Azteca
Stadium in Mexico. Way to set
the bar high, Jim!

Spirit Wear!



Vikings has club gear
available for order to help
show off your spirit! We have
practice T-shirts, sweatshirts,
and customizable training
jackets!

Early registrants receive a 10% discount, and so do siblings!

[Click here for more information and registration!](#)

2019 Soccer Fair

Once a year, the soccer clubs in San Francisco get together for a soccer information night hosted by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks division.

This is a chance for any parents interested in their children playing soccer to directly compare one club against another and find the right fit for them - everyone's looking for something different from their club. We encourage all our Vikings members to attend and help show what an amazing club we have here.

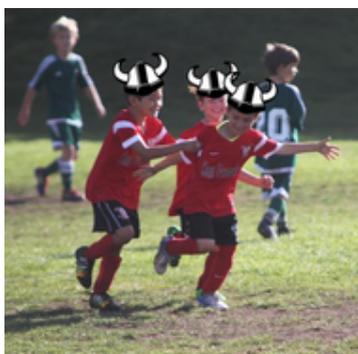
This year's fair will be on March 6th at the [County Fair Building](#) in Golden Gate Park. We hope to see you there!

Event Highlight: 5v5 Developmental Training

San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club will be offering a developmental training program that introduces "The Vikings Way" to young players in a 5v5 format.

Hosted by our Director of Coaching, Tommy Alioto, this 5v5 training program will be for kids born in 2011 and 2012. Goalies will be introduced to outdoor play, giving players an opportunity to begin transitioning to goalies in 7v7 play when they grow out of Microsoccer.

Players will be placed in training pools to ensure fair play and opportunities for everyone to succeed.



Sign up for any or all scheduled events and feel free to invite a friend too!

[Click here to be taken to our 5v5 Developmental Training webpage and register today!](#)

Meet Our Coaching Staff:

Name: Jose Luis Flores-Lopez

Age: 23

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***Feedback is the
Breakfast of
Champions!***

What do you think of the Explorer? Send your feedback to office.sfvsc@gmail.com

Years with Vikings: 2 years

Team(s) you coach:
SFVSC B05 White Laser

Favorite professional team:
Real Madrid

Where did you grow up?
San Maria, California

Tell us a little about your family...

My family is originally from Michoacán, Mexico. Both of my parents have been working in the strawberry fields for nearly 30 years. I have two sisters, one that's 19 and another that's 11. We are still a very close-knit family.

Why do you coach?

I genuinely love the game, and it's really rewarding for me when I get to share my love, knowledge, and experience with younger players. It's so much fun to just be out there and it often doesn't even feel like a job.

How did you get into coaching?

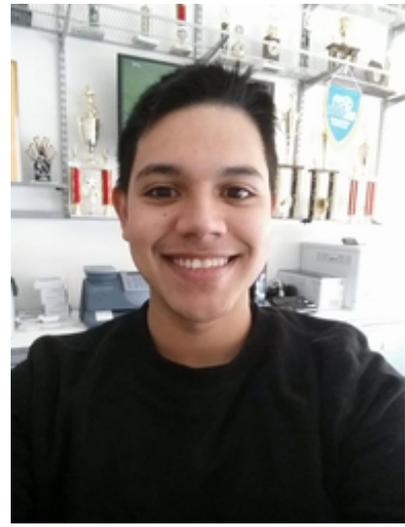
Well I've always been interested in the tactics of soccer, one of my favorite video games has always been the Manager Mode in FIFA. Then while I was working for SFYS as a field marshal in college, my friend David Reardon recommended me to Libby at Vikings. When the opportunity came to try out managing a team for real, it felt too perfect not to try it out.

Top memory as a player?

Probably my earliest memory of scoring a goal. I was in second grade, playing for my school's team. I dribbled past two players and shot it past the goalie. I remember being so happy and running around the field with my arms out like an airplane.

Who has influenced you in your development as player / coach?

My grandpa was the biggest influence on me as a player, a Real Madrid fan, and probably as a coach in terms of coaching style and how I approach the game and really people in general. He would take me to the park after school and we'd play soccer when I didn't already have practice. He taught me a play-first approach rather than firmly structured drills. Having individual conversations with players, one on one, and helping them develop with certain comments. He taught me it's ok to learn mistakes, we just have to learn from them. Most importantly, he taught me to always try your hardest. It's not always about execution, but it's always about effort.



Favorite part of coaching so far?

Being able to see the development of some of my players, especially last year when I coached a team of third graders and saw how much they progressed from when they first joined the team. Seeing their growth as players and people was very satisfying. With my older players, the best part is seeing them have fun and adopt my playing philosophy on the field. In my mind, I have a certain way I want my team to play, and so far I've seen it come out through my players, which is extremely rewarding and exciting.

What do you think makes Vikings special?

It's like a family, because everyone shares the same positive coaching philosophy. We promote a player-first approach and are focused less on the results and more about the individual player's improvement.

Get to Know Your Referee:

Name: Ihar Siarheyeu

Where did you grow up? Belarus, Mogilev City

Tell us about your family currently or growing up?
My mother and sister live in Belarus. I live here with my son, Alex, who is 24 years old and is a student at SF State University.



Where and /what team(s) did you play soccer on?

I was a professional soccer player for about 17 years. I have played in both Belarus and Russia. After, I worked as the goalie coach in my city, Mogilev.

When did you become a ref?

I have been a referee for the game of soccer since 2013. I received my license here in the United States and have been refereeing ever since.

What made you want to ref?

Well, there's good money in it and I feel like I'm still part of the game that way. That's very important for a retired professional player.

Advice for future refs?

My advice for people who want to start refereeing is don't take anything personal from coaches and parents. Believe in what you do. Don't let the emotions of other people manage you.

Ihar is also a goalkeeper trainer for Vikings! Send the Vikings office an email for details on his trainings!

For the Love of the Game!

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