

Conner Hagins grew up in Johnstown, PA, where he spent his youth immersed in two sports he loved most—soccer and hockey. He began playing local soccer in Johnstown before joining travel teams Laurel Highlands Turf Sharks and Laurel Highlands Crush. Along the way, he earned his referee certification and developed a deeper appreciation for the game from multiple perspectives.

A graduate of Bishop McCort Catholic High School, Conner was a two-year captain and a driving force behind three consecutive PIAA District VI Championships. His team also reached the PIAA State Tournament in three of his four seasons. He earned several accolades during his high school career, including LHAC All-Conference honors, Offensive Player of the Year, and the Coaches Award for leadership and sportsmanship.

At the collegiate level, he continued his playing career at La Roche University (LRU), competing for three seasons. During that time, the team made the playoffs each year and advanced to the AMCC Tournament semifinals in both 2016 and 2017. He was named to the AMCC All-Sportsmanship Team in 2016 and received the Coaches Award in 2015.

While at LRU, Conner had the opportunity to participate in international friendlies in Spain and Italy, including a memorable match against professional club Unió Esportiva Sant Andreu in Barcelona—a game that opened his eyes to how differently the sport is played around the world.

His coaching journey began during college as a summer camp coach at the World Cup Soccer Camp at Saint Vincent College. Over five years, he worked with more than 1,000 young players and held multiple leadership roles. During this time, he had the chance to coach alongside top-tier coaches, including ODP's Greg Helsel and Treg Lunger.

Soon after, he transitioned into coaching at the high school level, beginning on the boys side with roles at Vincentian Academy and Carlynton. He also gained valuable experience on the girls side while working at Hampton Township School District, where he coached both girls soccer and girls lacrosse. Conner is now entering his third season with the Mars Girls Soccer Program under head coach Blair Gerlach. During his time at Mars, the program has enjoyed an exceptional run: a 19-win season, a 20-win season, a section championship, an undefeated regular season (14-0), and back-to-back trips to the PIAA State Final Four. He has coached numerous All-State, All-WPIAL, and All-Section players, and in 2024, joined Blair Gerlach on the sidelines as a coach in the WPIAL Girls All-Star Game. He was also honored with the Mars Girls Soccer Impact Award in 2023.

Outside of the school level, Conner coaches for Northern Steel Select Soccer, an all-girls club based in Butler, PA. He currently leads four teams: 2011G Grey, 2013G Storm, 2014G Ice, and 2014G Surge, and is also part of the coaching staff for the U23+ Women's team competing in the Ohio Valley Premier League. In their inaugural season, the U23+ team went a perfect 10-0-0 and captured both the 2024 Valley Conference title and the OVPL League Championship.

In addition to his work at the club and school levels, Conner is entering his third year with the PA West Olympic Development Program (ODP) on the boys side. He has helped numerous players

earn invitations to the ODP Regional ID Event and continues to support their development through a higher-level training environment. In 2023, he was selected to coach on the international ODP trip to Milan and Torino, Italy. A highlight of that experience was the opportunity to collaborate with academy coaches from Torino FC—bringing his journey full circle after playing in Italy as a college athlete years earlier.

Conner currently holds several coaching licenses and certifications, including the USSF National D-License, USC Goalkeeping Diploma, USC Futsal Diploma, and the NFHS Accredited Interscholastic Coach certification. Passionate about continual growth, he thrives in new environments and values the opportunity to learn from fellow coaches.

While proud of the awards, accolades, and championships achieved throughout his coaching career, Conner finds the greatest fulfillment in helping young athletes grow in confidence and reach the next level—not just as soccer players, but as people.

He currently resides in Allison Park, PA, where he coaches full-time and runs his own soccer training company, offering private training, group sessions, clinics, and camps.