

Personal: Kris loves hitting the trails with his dog Maks, and doesn't mind people mistaking Maks for a skinny German Shepard, although he's a Belgian Malinois! Kris looks forward to getting back in the snow, as a longtime Alpine ski racer and coach. His wife, who is active in Nordic, semi converted him, who is also ready to hit the loipe again! Kris has two adult daughters, one ready to graduate college, and one on the way to college or a gap year playing in Germany. She is still undecided while playing WPSL. Kris fell in love with Bend back in 2012, when he came to compete in the Masters Road Nationals.

Playing: Kris' soccer playing career began in Golden Colorado with the Denver Kickers. A member of the Kickers highly successful youth travel team, he continued the journey playing in Germany for SpVgg Neckargemünd near Heidelberg Germany, hoping to emulate two other family members who were in the professional ranks. As a multi-sport athlete, Kris had to eventually specialize in one sport, which was road-cycling.

Professional: Kris' coaching career was ignited by his original passion for the game, at his daughter's youth club, then asking for volunteers. His passion for coaching came from his own positive experiences as a player and loving being out on the pitch. He then wanted to duplicate the positives for his players. The idea was not just to collect coaching badges, but also to infuse ideas from his influencers such as Wolfgang Frank and Marcelo Bielsa. I knew there was a whole other well of knowledge that was getting missed. Needless to say, the application stimulated growth mindset and intensified players interest in the game they play. This took their minds off of the "winning versus losing mentality", but moreover how to play the best game they know is possible! Kris keeps his finger on the pulse of coaching innovation by attending frequent forums and roundtables with his foreign counterparts, who are shaping youth development curriculum at the performance academy level in Europe.

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- Monte Vista HS Danville CA Head Coach, HC Men's Freshman
- USSF C License
- Coerver Youth Diploma 1
- USC National Diploma
- USC Goalkeeping Level 1 Diploma
- USC Level 1 Futsal Diploma
- Next Level Talents, Germany, Regional Focal and Scout, 2020 - Present
- State ODP Pool Evaluator, Cal North USYS 2017-2018
- Languages: Bilingual – German

QUOTE: *"As coach we can motivate them to do it, but attitude will determine how well they do it. Find the player with attitude and motivation no longer comes from the coach, this is key in building success".* - Marcelo Bielsa