

LIJSL Hall of Fame Inductee

Massapequa Soccer Club

Kevin Ferrari

On behalf of the Massapequa Soccer Club, it is my pleasure to nominate Kevin Ferrari for your consideration.

Kevin has been a part of the Long Island Junior Soccer League his entire soccer career, as a player, coach and Club Administrator. He began playing soccer at the Massapequa Soccer Club in its inaugural season in 1970. Kevin went through both our intramural and travel programs. In addition to representing MSC, he also captained Long Island Junior Select team as well as the Eastern New York State team. Participating with the LIJSL at various levels afforded Kevin the opportunity to play at the collegiate level. He played for 4 years at the University of Scranton where he was a captain and took his team to four NSCAA appearances, including a Final Four in 1983. Kevin still holds several records at the University of Scranton, including Lowest Goals Against Average in Season, Lowest Goals Against Average in Career, Most Shutouts in the Season and Most Shutouts in Career. His 43 career shutouts is ranked fourth all-time in Division I, II or III soccer. For his soccer achievements Kevin was inducted in the University of Scranton Athletic Hall of Fame.

Upon graduating from Scranton, Kevin returned to Massapequa where he immediately volunteered to coach at the club. From 2001 through 2014 Kevin was on the MSC Executive Board where he held various positions, culminating with the Club President. In this age of multiple leagues and competing organizations, Kevin always recognized the value that LIJSL continues to provide to the children of Long Island at all levels of competition.

In addition to being the Board member, in 2004 Kevin took over the Massapequa Special Needs Soccer program (TOPSoccer) which he runs to this day. It is in this capacity that Kevin has had a great impact on the lives of many children in the Club. In addition to program participants, Kevin engages MSC players to volunteer their time with affected children, which provides tremendous life-learning lessons for everyone involved. I am speaking from experience, as Kevin through the years successfully recruited all three of my children to volunteer for the program – in their 20's, they still talk about it. In 2016, Kevin was inducted in the Massapequa Soccer Club Hall of Fame.

Based on his contributions to developing soccer on Long Island, both on the field and off, I am asking the Committee to strongly consider Kevin Ferrari for induction into the Long Island Junior Soccer League Hall of Fame.