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## Michael Ericksen Named US Youth Soccer Association Region III Recreation Coach of the Year

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On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> the US Youth Soccer Association announced the “Recreation Coach of the Year Regional Award Winners”. This year’s Regional III winner is Michael Ericksen, a resident of Hendersonville. Since 2005, Michael Ericksen has volunteered to coach 15 different teams within the Henderson County Soccer Association. As a teacher during the day, he devotes much of his time to teaching youth, both in the classroom and on the field. Michael is one of the most reliable recreation coaches year after year and is always willing to step in and coach the game he loves.

The Recreation Coach of the Year is awarded to a recreation coach for both a boys team and a girls team for his or her coaching activities, sportsmanship, player development, personal coaching development, and citizenship. There are four regions within the US Youth Soccer Association. North Carolina falls into Region III and is made up of the 11 southernmost states from North Carolina to Texas.

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