



**Simple Decisions and Proper Movement:  
Maximizing “playing” and limiting lecturing**  
*Presented by Bob Jenkins*

**Fri., Jan. 16, 2009 | 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
Convention Center Exhibit Hall 5**

**Summary:**

Jenkins’ session, geared towards young players in the 9- to 11-year-old range, will emphasize simple decisions and proper movement by *playing*, as opposed to lecturing or structured drills. Any experienced coach knows that it is difficult to maintain the attention of 9- to 11-year-olds for any prolonged period of time. As such, the session will maximize the amount of time each player is participating and limit the amount of time players are static while listening to the instructor. Through this session, players are put into the playing environment and will learn to rely on their own actions and reactions and those of his or her teammates for learning proper decision-making and movement.

**Presenter Biography:**

**Bob Jenkins**, *Director of Coaching and Player Development at Richmond Strikers Soccer Club*  
One of the most-respected coaches in the country, Jenkins was named as the Director of Coaching and Player Development for the Richmond Strikers Soccer Club this past June. Jenkins came to the Virginia-based club from U.S. Soccer, where he was the Director of Education and Youth Development and also the head coach of the U.S. U-18 Men’s National Team. While at the USSF, Jenkins had an instrumental role in creating the U.S. Soccer Development Academy and also the well-known “Best Practices for Coaching Soccer in the United States” book. Prior to working with U.S. Soccer, Jenkins led the American University men’s soccer team from 1992-99 and was an assistant coach at the University of Virginia from 1989-1991 with former U.S. Men’s National Team head coach Bruce Arena.