



# JOHN A. O'BRIEN

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John A. O'Brien, husband of Lisa O'Brien; and father of three: Meghan, Kate, James. Born in Glasgow, Scotland March 24, 1969 and immigrated to Kitchener, ON in 1977.

## WORK & EDUCATION

Owner, President of Job Inc. Electric and John O'Brien Holdings Real Estate  
Development Conestoga College – 309A Certificate  
Electrical Safety Authority – ACP  
Master Electrician  
IMSA – Levels 1, 2, 3

## PLAYER EXPERIENCE

U4 – U7 Grassroots, Glasgow  
U7 – U14 KMS  
U10 – U16 Regional Teams at Southwest  
U14 – U16 ID West Ham FC (John Lyall)  
Oakville White Heather Club  
U16 – U18 NSL Toronto Jets (played 3 years at U18)  
- Member of NSL select team all 3 years  
U16 -U18 Provincial and National CSA Camp  
U18 – 36 KDSL Player Coach  
OCAA OCAA All-Star at College All Canadian

## COACHING HISTORY & CERTIFICATIONS

Instructor & Developer KMS Puretouch Skills Development  
WMSC Skills Development U6 – U12  
2004 - 2013 WMSC Boys & Girls L5, L3, OYSL  
2013 – Present University of Waterloo Women's Soccer OUA

## COACH CERTIFICATIONS

OSA Development Levels 1, 2, 3  
OSA C License  
OSA Pre-B License  
OSA B License  
UEFA B – 2014 – 2016  
UEFA A – 2016 – 2018  
Vulnerable Sector Check  
Employee Safety Orientation (SO-1001)  
Workplace Violence Awareness (SO-1081)

NCCP Concussion and Awareness  
Professional Club Visits – Aston Villa F.C., West Ham F.C.  
Coerver Courses & Training  
FAI Courses  
SFA Courses  
North American Irish Coaches Association

## **TESTIMONIALS**

### **COLIN LINFORD**

I coached John for approximately four years at select and representative levels with Kitchener Minor Soccer. He always gave 100% commitment both to the game and to his fellow team members. While playing on these teams, he travelled throughout Ontario and participated in tournaments in the USA, ultimately going on a two week tour of England and Scotland. The best way to describe John is that he was, and I am sure still is, a credit to the game of soccer at whatever level he is involved.

After this tour, I resigned from coaching, to go into executive positions with Kitchener Minor Soccer, Ontario Soccer and finally becoming President of the Canadian Soccer Association. During this time, however, I continued to follow John's progress in the game from playing to coaching.

### **TARA MCPHERSON**

John O'Brien is by far the best coach I have ever had the pleasure of playing for, across all of the competitive sports I have played throughout the years. He not only saw the potential in me before I ever could, but worked with me tirelessly to develop me into the player I was lucky enough to become. Without John as my coach in my youth years, I never would have received a full-ride scholarship to play at the NCAA Division 1 level in the United States, and be named captain going into my Sophomore year. John's support, knowledge of the game, enthusiasm, and creative mindset provided me with the confidence to develop as an individual and as a team player. He was always extremely committed to player development and ensuring that each player's individual styles of play effectively merged together to form a winning system as a team. While playing for John, I not only developed as a soccer player, but also as a person. He always inspired and motivated our team and served as an incredible role model with a true passion for the game. I am thankful to John for everything he did for me as a player and for all of the opportunities I had because of him believing in me. Teams and players are in good hands if they have John as their coach.

Note from Tara: I played for John from the age of 13 to the age of 18 through Under 13 to the U21 Women's League. We competed at the Elite level and also the OYSL level, with several Ontario Cup appearances. After playing for John, I received a full-athletic scholarship to Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. Canisius plays in the Division 1 Metro-Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and I played there for 4 years. I also played semi-professional for the London Gryphons back in 2014 (prior to going into my Junior season at Canisius).

### **SARAH VOISIN**

John was my childhood coach who taught me all the fundamentals of the game. I was fortunate to learn and grow from John for over five years which led me to a full ride scholarship post secondary. Throughout the years John went above and beyond as a coach on and off the field. He set up a player development program through Waterloo Minor Soccer which made a huge impact on many youths' development. His knowledge about the game is unmatched and his ability to coach anyone is seamless. It was an honour to be coached by John and the lessons learned through the game from him, I carry with me in life to this day.

**GERRY O'BRIEN** SOUTHAMPTON F.C., HIBERNIAN F.C., CLYDEBANK F.C. Not only is John a member of our family, but I was also able to see him perform as a player while on trials in England and Scotland. I have also been able to watch his coach career bloom and spent time with him while travelling on his coach education.

**TOM MAHON** COACH IRELAND U19

John has a positive dynamic coaching style and a good manner with players. Players respond positively to his coaching.