

October 17, 2011

Dear Coach Surrell and Coach Jenkins,

It is my honor to recommend Hannah Gonzalez to you for the Azusa Pacific University women's soccer program. I am Hannah's current competitive coach at Sacramento United Soccer Club. Hannah joined our program this year and has been a true asset not only to our team but also to our club. Hannah's talent, skill and ability were clearly apparent from her very first tryout. During our tryout period, Hannah was one of my top priority signings. She was offered a spot by another competitive club, but she chose to sign with Sacramento United because of our club training philosophy of player development.

The reason Hannah was looking for a new team in her senior year was because her previous team disbanded due to players leaving for college. Some of Hannah's past teammates also came to tryouts and I quickly noticed Hannah's strong leadership skills. It was evident from tryouts that the other girls respected Hannah and wanted to follow her. What really impressed me was that Hannah seemed to be the type of leader who earned their respect by the type of player and person that she is, not because she is the loudest or most talkative. Hannah leads by example on the field and never asks teammates to do anything she is not willing to do. She has quickly established herself as a leader on this team as well.

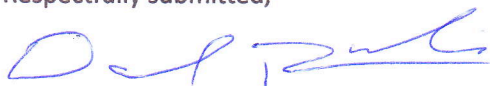
Hannah has wonderful skills and athletic ability. She has the ability to break down a defense and find the open player. She has the flexibility to be able to play a central midfielder role or a central striker role for the team. Our club's playing system primarily uses 3 forwards in our line-ups. As this is an older team, I have also played a traditional 1-4-4-2 in order to get the girls comfortable in multiple systems of play. Hannah is able to adapt to her role no matter the position or formation that we play. She is always a threat on the ball and has the athletic ability to really stretch a defense. Her skills were quite noticeable at the UC Santa Barbara soccer camp where Hannah was rated very highly by the coaching staff.

Hannah has been a wonderful addition to our team and our club. She is supremely dedicated and always strives to improve. One area she needed work on is identifying the defenders open shoulder to exploit space off the dribble. I have been showing Hannah how to read the defenders and the space to her advantage. She is always attentive and immediately tries to apply the lesson into game situations. This shows her eagerness to improve and her very coachable personality.

I believe that Hannah has a lot to offer any women's soccer program. Hannah hopes to pursue her soccer career at the collegiate level next year and I fully believe she has the ability to accomplish her dream. I have coached with the Sacramento United Competitive Soccer Club for over 20 years. I have coached all age groups on the boys and girls side. I have been a part of several players' development into the collegiate ranks as both scholarship players and non-scholarship players. I am also most proud that several former players I coached at Sacramento United have come back to coach in the club. I believe that Hannah fits right in with these sets of players.

It is for these reasons that I offer high recommendations for Hannah without reservation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



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