

## **MIRIAM HICKEY – DIRECTOR, GIRLS’ DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY**

Miriam Hickey joined U.S. Soccer in February after working as a Women's Football Instructor for FIFA, a National Development Officer for the Netherlands Football Federation (KNVB), and most recently as the Girls’ Director of Coaching at Troy Soccer Club in Michigan.

A professional with more than 25 years of experience developing players and coaches at the club, collegiate and National Team levels, Hickey brings a superior level of knowledge of the current international standards for elite female youth player development. As Director, Hickey oversees all technical aspects of the Girls’ Development Academy. Her past experience includes:

- U.S. Soccer: A License and National Girls Training Center Staff Coach
- FIFA Women’s Football Instructor
- 2015 FIFA Women’s World Cup Technical Study Group
- 2016 Olympic Games - Technical Scouting SAFA
- 2016 FIFA Women’s U-17 World Cup Technical Study Group
- 10+ years as Girls Club Director in U.S.
- 8 years in the Technical Department of the KNVB

Hickey joins U.S. Soccer from her role as Girls’ Director of Coaching at Troy Soccer Club, as well as a Women's Football Instructor for FIFA. As a FIFA Women’s Football Instructor, Hickey lead coaching courses for Women's FIFA member associations and helped develop Girls’ and Women's soccer in the FIFA Master’s program.

Before her most recent roles domestically in youth clubs and internationally with FIFA, Hickey was a team manager and National Development Officer for the Netherlands Football Federation (KNVB). Hickey’s career accolades include 2013 North Region NSCAA Youth Girls Coach of the Year and 2008 US Youth Soccer National Competitive Girls Coach of the Year. She was also the first head coach of the LSU women's soccer team when the program played its inaugural season in 1995.