## Coach Figo

## **Academy Director**

Coach Figo (Gerardo Figueroa) has 30 years of youth coaching experience. He spent 23 years coaching a MLS Pro-youth program in Dallas, TX before he moved to FL and joined the GulfSouth coaching team in 2015. Coach Figo is from Mexico City and played professional soccer in Mexico with the Club America team, Club Atlético Potosino división 2 team and the Cruz Azul Hidalgo división 2 team. He holds a level E coaching license and has coached teams of all ages. His proudest coaching moment was winning the Disney Cup championship with the Dallas Texans.

Coach Figo is passionate about teaching young kids the fundamentals of soccer in the hopes that they will grow to love the sport as much as he does. As he says, "coaching is my life". Coach Figo coaches several of our competitive boys and girls teams and is the Director of GulfSouth Academy, a developmental program for soccer players ages 5-10. His advice to players of all ages is "play hard, play smart and never give up!" Coach Figo has several favorite soccer players including Hugo Sanchez (the Pentapichichi) and Cristiano Ronaldo.