Instructors

The MCC men’s soccer coaches will be the instructors and will supervise the MCC Elite Soccer Camp.

Coach Ben Ritsema:

Ben Ritsema is the head coach of the men’s soccer team at Muskegon Community College. He has led the Jayhawks to an impressive 22-16-2 record over the past two seasons. MCC has respectively finished 2nd and 3rd in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) conference the past two seasons. MCC has also finished 4th and 5th in the Region XII final season rankings the past two season. The Jayhawks were nationally ranked twice this past season with the highest ranking as #14 in the NSSCA NJCAA men’s soccer coaches poll. Coach Ritsema has coached 6 players to earn All-Region XII honors, 6 players to All-MCCAA, and 12 high school players to All-State accolades. Coach Ritsema currently holds a Michigan State Youth Soccer Association "National D" license. Prior to coaching at MCC he was the boys and girls varsity soccer coach at Reeths-Puffer High school coaching in over 400 high school soccer games. Coach Ritsema played college soccer for the MCC club soccer team in 1994 and was the team captain. He played high school soccer at Western Michigan Christian High School, earning All-Area, All-District, All-Sectional, All-Conference and second team All-State honors as a senior.

Coach Marty Herzhaft:

Coach Herzhaft is the assistant head coach and goalie coach at Muskegon Community College. Coach Herzhaft has coached the ALL-MCCAA goalie for the past 2 seasons. Under his leadership, his goalies have recorded 11 shutouts in the past two seasons at MCC. Prior to coaching at MCC, Coach Herzhaft coached with the Reeths-Puffer varsity soccer program from 1998-2007 where he coached his goalies to have a combined 65 shutouts, a combined 1.46 goals against average, and 3 All-District honors with two different keepers. He brings over 13 years of coaching experience and 27 years of playing soccer mostly between the pipes as a goalie. He has played in the West Michigan Men’s Premier League in Grand Rapids. In 2006, he was voted in as the starting goalie for the East vs. West All-Star game that was played in Detroit.
**Daily Camp Topics & Skills**

The first hour of each training session, the staff will introduce the concept of the day and will then run players through a series of drills to help reinforce the concept.

The second portion of the training session will be games where the players will begin applying the concepts they just learned. This gives the staff opportunities to make in-game coaching points and helps players understand what it takes to play at the collegiate level.

**Day 1:** Principals of defending and tactics of team defending

**Day 2:** Receiving, Placement, & Finishing

**Day 3:** Speed Passing: 1 touch/2 touch

**Day 4:** Dynamics of set plays & Zonifi 30 minute intro to sports psychology

**Goalkeepers:** Coach Herzhaft will be working on goalkeeper skills during the week using a JUGGS shooting machine. Each day there will be a specific goalkeeper skill taught. In addition, instruction will be given during game situations to improve positioning and game management.

Tyler Lane, Jayhawks goalie, Two time 1st team All-MCCA conference goalie

**Mail in your form before June 20th to receive a free camp T-shirt. All forms post-marked after June 20th will be accepted with a $15.00 late fee charge.**