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2 Northside youth soccer coaches honored

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Two youth soccer coaches in northern Indianapolis have been honored this month for their contributions to the sport and their communities.

Isang Jacob of the Indy Burn program was named one of U.S. Youth Soccer's regional boys Competitive Coaches of the Year for his sportsmanship, player development, personal coaching development and citizenship.

A press released noted that Jacob requires his players to excel in school, perform community service and work hard on the field and his Indy Burn 90 Premier Eagles have won seven consecutive U.S. Youth Soccer state championships. All of his 2008 graduates are playing in college, 17 of them at the Division I level. The national competitive coach of the year will be announced at the U.S. Youth Soccer Awards Gala at 7:30 p.m. on March 6 in San Jose, Cal.

John Christopher Johnson of the FC Pride U16 soccer club was named the 2008 Liberty Mutual Responsible Coaching Award winner from Indiana. Johnson is one of 44 winners across the country out of nearly 1,100 coaches that were nominated by parents and other administrators. He received \$250 to help offset the cost of running team.

Johnson was chosen for exhibiting a high-level of coaching competence, achieving and maintaining excellence on the field, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to the well-being and development of athletes off the field and honoring and respecting the game they teach, according to a press release.

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