

# IVICA SOLOMON

UEFA PRO LICENSED  
FOOTBALL COACH





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## Professional Summary

I am a senior football coach holding a UEFA Pro license and a former professional goalkeeper with extensive experience in the Croatian football league and various European club competitions. I studied at the Faculty of Kinesiology in Zagreb and the Croatian Football Federation Football Academy. My professional journey includes coaching at the NK Varteks football school, where I fulfilled the core requirements for independent coaching roles.

I specialize in providing individual, group and team training, focusing on game management and developing football logic through tailored training programs. Additionally, I collaborate with experts in nutrition, food technology, psychology, and kinesiology to ensure athletes gain essential knowledge that enhances both their athletic performance and overall quality of life.

# Coaching experience

## 2021 – 2023

Supervisor and Educator

**Football Youth School FC Varaždin, Croatia**

- Managed and educated young football talents, focusing on holistic player development and coaching methodology

## 2019 – 2020

Head Coach U-15

**FC Al Hilal, Saudi Arabia**

- Led U-15 team to significant regional achievements, developing player skills and tactical understanding

## 2018 – 2019

Assistant Coach U-20

**Croatian National Team**

- Contributed to game strategies, training sessions, and match preparation at an international level

## 2017 – 2018

Assistant Coach U-19

**Croatian National Team**

- Assisted in leading the U-19 team in European competitions, focusing on player development and tactical frameworks

## 2014 – 2016

Head Coach

**FC Zavrč, Slovenian National League**

- Oversaw team management, match strategies, and training, achieving commendable league standings

## 2012 – 2014

Head Coach

**FC Varaždin, Croatia**

- Managed the senior team, implementing rigorous training and fostering local talent

## 2010 – 2012

Assistant Coach

**FC Al Faisaly, KSA**

- Supported the head coach in strategy, analysis, and team development at the club's senior level



**2006 – 2010**

Head Coach U-19

**FC Varteks, Croatia**

- Led the youth team, emphasizing skill enhancement and tactical acumen

## Professional Playing Career

**2000 – 2005**

Professional Goalkeeper

**FC Slaven-Belupo, Croatia**

**1996 – 2000**

Professional Goalkeeper

**FC Varteks, Croatia**

**1995 – 1996**

Professional Goalkeeper

**FC Samobor, Croatia**

**1993 – 1995**

Professional Goalkeeper

**FC Belišće, Croatia**

**1992 – 1993**

Professional Goalkeeper

**FC Varteks, Croatia**

**1986 – 1991**

Professional Goalkeeper

**FC Segesta, Croatia**

## Education

**2009 – 2011**

**UEFA Pro License**

Croatian Football Academy

**1996 – 2006**

**Bachelor of Sports (Football)**

Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Zagreb

# Courses and certificates

2024

**Coerver Coaching Coach education**

Coerver Coaching

2014

**Project Cycle Management Training**

Croatian Chamber of Economy

## Key skills

- Strategic Coaching and Mentoring
- Football Analytics and Match Preparation
- Team and Talent Management
- Leadership and Motivation
- Collaborative Communication
- Strong Work Ethic

## Languages

- Croatian (native)
- English (B1)
- Russian (A1)

## References

*Available on demand*

**Zlatko Dalić** Head Coach of the Croatian National Football Team

**Branko Ivanković** Head Coach of the China National Team

**Petar Krpan** Director of Youth Development, Croatian Football Federation