

Afshin Ghotbi

International Football Manager

3 FIFA World Cups, 2 Asian Cup Finals, +1000 matches

30+ years Professional experience in 8 nations

“Building Champions Across Continents”



Professional Coaching License, USSF
Electrical Engineering BS, UCLA

Career Timeline

- **USA NT** (Assistant Coach) 1997–98
- **South Korea NT** (Assistant Coach) 2000–02
- **Suwon Bluewings**, South Korea (Assistant Coach) 2002–04
- **LA Galaxy**, USA (Assistant Coach) 2004–05
- **South Korea NT** (Assistant Coach) 2005–07
- **Persepolis FC**, Iran (Head Coach) 2007–08
- **Iran NT** (Head Coach) 2009–11
- **Shimizu S-Pulse**, Japan (Head Coach) 2011–14
- **Curaçao NT** (Assistant Coach) 2016
- **Buriram United**, Thailand (Head Coach) 2016
- **Shijiazhuang Ever Bright**, China (Head Coach) 2017-19
- **Foolad FC**, Iran (Head Coach) 2019
- **SJZ Ever Bright/Cangzhou Mighty Lions** , China (Head Coach) 2019–2021
- **Vancouver FC, Canada** (Head Coach) 2023–25

Career Highlights

- **USA** - FIFA World Cup Finals 1998
- **South Korea NT** , FIFA World Cup Finals 2002 (Semifinal)
- **South Korea NT** , FIFA World Cup Finals 2006
- **South Korea NT** - Qualifying 2008 Olympics
- **LA Galaxy** - MLS & US Open Cup Double (2005)
- **Persepolis FC** - League Champions (2008), IPL Coach Of the Year
- **Iran NT** Asian Cup Finals, Quarter Finalist (2011)
- **Shimizu S-Pulse** - Nabisco Cup Finalist (2012)
- **Shijiazhuang Ever Bright** - Promotion to Chinese Super League (2019)
- **Vancouver FC** - Canadian Championship Semi-Finalist (2025)
- **400+ matches as Head Coach | 1.60 PPM average**

