



## **PETERBOROUGH CITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

### **2014 AGM Director of Coaching**

As the OSA continues to develop the LTPD program and re-structure the overall programs within Ontario, I am pleased to say that the PCSA is one leaders within the ECOSA Region.

LTPD – now in full effect, the PCSA followed the OSA LTPD program. Even though it was very challenging to all parties involved (OSA, ECOSA, Board members, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, Players and Parents) the PCSA 2014 program was very successful.

First we introduced the PCSA Development program for ages 6 – 7. The program was developed in a large part by Leanne McLaughlin and the 2014 technical team. The lead technical coaches for this age group were Leanne McLaughlin and Dan Moore. The program consisted of two technical nights which were held on Tuesday and Thursday nights and followed the LTPD Matrix. Leanne also had a great group of assistants and volunteers who were all very active within the sessions to keep the children focused which resulted in all players developing their skill levels.

This new program enjoyed a lot of successes in 2014 and like all new programs the PCSA will evaluate the program and make some minor adjustments moving forward in 2015.

PCSA U8 LTPD – There were a few challenges that faced the U8 girls and boys in 2014. They consisted of girls playing boys, festival competitions, travelling out of town to play one of your own teams and some coaches within the district not complying with the OSA LTPD rules and regulations. A big question which was raised this year was how could this be good for player development?

After evaluating the 2014 season and listening to the concerns of the PCSA coaching staff and the parents it was recommended that the PCSA look into bringing the U8 program in-house for 2015 and becoming part of the PCSA Development program. So moving forward into 2015 this is exactly what we are going to do. The program will consist of training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights as well as attending three or four festivals during the year and games to be held Saturday morning. The program will be finalized in the New Year.

PCSA U9/U12 LTPD – This was a new program in 2014 which reflected the PCSA teams playing in the Durham league. The overall experience was positive. As this was the first year, PCSA teams were placed in either the tier 1 or tier 2 level not really knowing who or how the competition would be. Some teams enjoyed their seasons and found themselves competitive while others did not. Moving forward into the 2015 season the PCSA will make the proper adjustment based on the history of 2014 and teams will be placed in their proper tiers. Coaches enjoyed playing in the Durham league and travel was not to extensive. It was also a big learning curve for the DRSL and they will be making adjustments going into the 2015 season. They are currently reviewing schedules and have asked for the PCSA input to ensure that all games will

be played in the upcoming season and that there are no conflicts for our teams. There will be other adjustments made to this league and once they are announced we will have a LTPD coaching meeting to ensure everyone is updated.

PCSA U13/18 – Another successful year for the majority of PCSA teams in these age groups. The majority of teams were competitive in their leagues. Moving forward in 2015 the OSA has re-structured the Talented Pathway which mean a re-structuring of the leagues. At the top of the pyramid there is the OPDL which replaces the provincial program. Under the OPDL there is the Regional Leagues (currently we have one PCSA team), under Regional Leagues there are District Leagues (the rest of the PCSA teams will play in these Leagues which will be announced by the end of December) and at the bottom of the pyramid there is the Recreational League which is house league.

There had been a lot of confusion and mis-information over the past several months in regards to where the majority of teams will be playing in 2015 and the definition of District Leagues. We will know by the end of December the structure of these competitive leagues and where our teams will be placed. The majority of the teams will play in the DRSL which means PCSA teams will be playing areas such as Oshawa, Darlington, Ajax, Whitby, Pickering etc.

Once we receive and obtain the District League information we will have a coaching meeting to provide all of the information to our coaches.

PCSA Coaching Team – 2015 – All position have been allocated for the upcoming season for the age groups U8 – U18.

**Technical Team** – In 2014 we grow our technical team with the introduction of the mentor coaching system. The goals for this new system was to obtain proper coaching ratios to players for better player development, improve our younger coaches and to get more individuals involved in coaching. Overall, this system was a success and we did achieve the majority of our goals. Moving forward, we will be changing the a few things within the system and improving the system. In 2015 the system will be a coaching apprenticeship. Coaches who wish to be participate in the program will be required to have whatever coaching certification that is needed for the age group, proper PCSA paperwork (registration) and up to date police checks.

This year we will be making a change in order to improve the Technical team support. In September we announced the re-structure of two Lead Technical Coaches who will be responsible for oversee and work with the coaching staff of the LTPD age groups and senior age groups. Royston Brown will be the Lead Technical Coach for the ages of U9 to U12 and Serge Desbiens will be the Lead Technical Coach for the ages of U13 to U18.

All technical team positions for the 2015 season have been allocated.

Academy – remains strong in numbers and development. Program this year will see the addition of games at the senior level. Indoor tournament plans for in the month of January and a showcase tournament in the month March.

Yours in soccer,

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