



## PETERBOROUGH CITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION Newsletter August 2020

### **Dear PCSA members,**

The PCSA board hopes that you are in good health during these challenging times and wants to assure you that it is doing its best to ensure that the players will have a meaningful experience for the 2021 season.

### **PCSA 2021 Coaches**

Coaching positions for next season have been approved by the board. The PCSA is grateful for the continuous support of the volunteer coaches, who dedicate their time unselfishly for the club and its players. The board is pleased to report the retention of almost all of the coaches from this year. To check out the 2021 team head coaches, visit:

<https://www.pcsasoccer.com/coaching/>

### **2021 Tryouts**

In preparation for the upcoming season, it has been standard practice for the club to host try-outs and orientation in September. However, as per Ontario Soccer, the ECOSA district remains in phase two of Return to Play guidelines (not to be confused with Provincial phase three). As such, the club is NOT able to host tryouts or orientation. The OS recent newsletter states: “No trials/tryouts/open evaluations should be executed during Phase 2.”

Therefore, tryouts will be postponed to the spring, as leagues have been directed to delay team registration in order to accommodate the ever-changing situation. The club will continue to monitor the situation and inform you or any significant developments.

### **2020-2021 Academy**

The Academy panel and coaches have been in consultation with ECOSA to explore the possibility of commencing the PCSA Academy in the fall of 2020. Unfortunately, there remains several unresolved issues before training can begin, specifically: OS insurance does NOT cover liability for COVID-19, the City’s field permits have been unavailable, Fleming College fields are closed for the 2020 season, school gyms permits have been suspended, ALL soccer activities within the ECOSA District remain suspended. Considering this, the PCSA board, in consultation with ECOSA, has regretfully decided that PCSA Academy will be suspended until 2021. The board hopes to resume early in 2021, but must accept that the situation is continuously evolving.

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Sincerely,

The PCSA board