

PGYSA Call for Members of our Indoor Coaching Team

Introduction

The Prince George Youth Soccer Association has commenced a transition to providing a “Sphere”-Based development model. Adapted from Sport Canada’s Sport Policy 2012, the PGYSA’s Sphere-Based Model allows the individual participant to self-select their pathway within the game.

Implementing dedicated Grass Roots programming, revised Competitive Indoor and Outdoor Club Leagues, Indoor World Cup Youth and Adult tournaments in April and March 2019 respectively, Provincial-Select programming for the dedicated athlete challenging for a birth in the BCSA Provincial Championships, and full-time year-round Acceleration High-Performance programming for the ruthlessly driven athlete within the Club as of 2019, the PGYSA’s pathway provides sound fundamentals within all our five developmental pillars (Psychological, Social, Physical, Technical, Tactical) and programming options equivalent with participant requirements.

PGYSA Club Coach Initiative

Cambridge defines a ‘Club’ as being an organization of people with a common purpose or interest, who meet regularly and take part in shared activities. Building on this definition, it is important for the PGYSA to implement a modern-day coach mentorship model built within a coordinated Club Coaching Network.

Obsolete are the days of Sport Clubs that operate their own leagues, utilizing a model where a collection of independent teams and coaches functioning solo. Sport models have changed over the past two decades and with today’s youth facing rates of loneliness, anxiety and depression that rival any time in history, it is integral sport play a role in youth engagement and empowerment. In place of the coaching methodology where the Coach is the focal point, a modernized Club Framework is built around an athlete/participant-centred philosophy. This adaptation allows athletes to be more involved in the learning process and identical maturationally-appropriate fundamentals to be provided to every Club member.

Putting forth a progressive and proactive Youth Sport Club Management Plan (2019-2023), the PGYSA will strive to meet the philosophies outlined within the Long-Term Athlete Development Model and Club standards outlined by Canada Soccer and the British Columbia Soccer Association. As the Training to Win Stage is designed to maximize athlete capacities and does not begin until 18+ for female athletes and 19+ for male athletes, the PGYSA’s development pathway strives to ensure athletes receive appropriate stage-based teachings eventually building the necessary skillset to play Under-Pressure, At-Pace, and On-Demand.

Important to recognize is that coaches of a sport are more importantly life-coaches of our youth. The soccer ball is a vehicle providing life-skills that go far beyond the soccer-pitch. The environment we build is a ‘Total’ Club Model, where few barriers exist and individual internal-ignition, level of resilience, and Mindset, is the main driving force behind athlete advancement.

Mentoring matters and a Club Coaching Team learns from one other and grows together. Support, communication, mutual respect, and the sharing of ideas and philosophies challenge us to step outside our comfort zone. When operating within a set of Club principles and values and by following the philosophies of Long-Term Athlete Development, the right Coaching Team can drive our Club forward and into the future.

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