



**Prince George Youth Soccer Association**  
**2019 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Indoor Coed World Cup Tournament**  
*“For the athletes, by the athletes.”*

## **INFORMATION RELEASE**

### **U9/U11/U13/U15/U17(+18) COED**

Tuesday February 12, 2019  
**Prince George, British Columbia**

The first annual PGYSA World Cup Competition is upon us. With a long-term Club structure currently in development, the Indoor Youth World Cup competition plays a role in the future of our Club. From April 12-14, 2019, Club athletes will compete in a Coed environment to lift the PGYSA World Cup.

Within the confines of a true Club Model, all members “live” the badge and support each other throughout the system. What identifies this competition is its design, where the adults and coaches take a step back and let the athletes self-organize and self-determine on-pitch details. “For the athletes, by the athletes.”

“With sport today too often controlled by adults, the athletes are not given enough time to self-discover.” PGYSA Club Director Terrol Russell also adds, “The PGYSA World Cup competition is an opportunity for our youth to take some control back within their own developmental pathway. By also building a Coed model, Club athletes work together to determine novel solutions to problems and strategize together to achieve success.”

With an opportunity to grow and make mistakes in a non-threatening environment, our youth grow to new heights. This is integral to the long-term viability and sustainability of any Youth Club, as the youth are our future. They are our future role models, our future coaches, our future Club Support Team members.

“I wish I was still young enough to play in PGYSA for this competition”, says former PGYSA athlete Sydney Bartlett. “I always enjoyed competing with and against the boys and now there is a tournament just for the athletes to enjoy. I think it sounds inclusive and exiting for the athletes.”

The PGYSA Office Staff will be organizing registrants into teams in our first year. The teams are Holland, Brazil, Italy, Canada, Argentina and France. PGYSA Technical Staff will be on hand to help organize the squads, make sure the competition gear is handed out, and help guide the athletes as required. For example, Technical Staff will be between benches to help guide if the athletes need support finding a solution, or self-organizing. However, because this competition is being built for the athletes, we are committed to restricting any overt coaching from the sidelines.

The Registration fee is \$60.00 per player. You can register individually for the tournament on our website [www.pgysa.bc.ca](http://www.pgysa.bc.ca) or in office with cash or cheque.

Athletes this is your time to come together, grow, and help start the PGYSA on its new path.

We look forward to the first Annual PGYSA Youth World Cup Tournament on the weekend of April 12-14, 2019. It is an exciting time to play soccer in Norther BC.

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