



## Prince George Youth Soccer Association

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#### **The PGYSA, in partnership with the Prince George Soccer Association (PGSA), commences a new development pathway for Prince George's Youth and Adult Soccer Associations - Spring 2019.**

With Prince George's youth and adult soccer organizations currently going through a review and evaluation process, the timing is perfect for a mutually beneficial pathway to be built and aligned. Clarity of the soccer-system is necessary for effectual participant experience and for the viability and sustainability of local soccer.

The engagement and interaction between youth and adult sport populations is integral for long-term physical, mental and community health. As such, the revised pathway between the PGYSA and the PGSA will be driven by four core components:

1. As part of the PGYSA's Club Framework and pathway development, yearly education on the transition process from Youth to Adult soccer will be provided to all youth athletes and parents.
2. Youth registration will cease at the age of 17 and PGYSA athletes 18+, will be supported in their transition to Adult Soccer (PGSA).
3. The PGYSA will work in alignment with the PGSA to build a U21 program for athletes 18-21, to support athletes in their transition from Youth to Adult soccer.
4. Depending on total numbers and league spots available, the PGYSA will continue to register female and male Training to Compete Provincial Select teams (15-17), for participation in the Prince George Soccer Association (upon annual review).

With the implementation of these four strategies, added clarity and efficiency is added to the transition from Youth to Adult Soccer. Youth athletes and their parents can be part of a soccer system that reinforces the idea of "family" within its framework and through a united approach, ensures a healthy-communities concept drives programing decisions.

"The future success of sport is not isolation; in its place is generational integration," expresses PGYSA Director of Club Operations, Terrol Russell. "I envision a day where all our youth athletes surround the Adult fields to spectate the league finals. Positive modelling to our youth athlete population by local adults, will result in a stronger athlete, a stronger pathway, and a stronger overall system."

"PGSA is committed to developing partnerships and increasing access to the sport," adds PGSA President Virginia Ashley. "Working closely with PGYSA toward a shared vision, inclusivity and improved communication, will bring together a collective legacy from Grass Roots to Adult soccer in the region."

Over the coming months a plan will be finalized and presented to the membership. We look forward to building and working together on the integration of a combined pathway based on optimal experience.

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