



Mill Woods Soccer Association

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Mill Woods Soccer Association (MWSA) Reboot/Revamp of its soccer programs.

As of the indoor 2019-2020 soccer season, our Community and Selects FC program is implementing the first phases of a revamp of its soccer program.

As MWSA moves to fulfill its new mandate of:

One Association

One Program

One Philosophy

Within the new mandate we all must recognize that our strength comes from our grass roots program of our communities. Our communities must not be seen as separate from our club program. But our club program must be seen as an extension of the community program.

It is important to recognize that kids play because it is fun and MWSA should be encouraging all those that want to play from a healthy lifestyle perspective to do so. Not all kids will move into the club in fact over 85% of our players do not play club soccer. We need to recognize the recreational stream as integral and an important part of our organization.

This reboot is necessary as our registration numbers have been dwindling across all areas of our program, (this is due to a number of reasons), and our results have been dwindling as well. Our new philosophy and program aim to address these issues.

In our community programs we will place a greater emphasis on fun and supporting our coaches in order to develop our soccer players more effectively.

- The Director of Soccer Operations will develop a program complete with expected outcomes for players at every level of the organization.
- Emphasis shall be placed on skill development and fun.
- Coaches will be provided with the requisite guide and resource materials to be able to deliver this program.

- Professional development clinics over and above the requisite coaching courses will be offered to our coaches to enable them to learn how to deliver the program effectively.
- Community coaches will be given the opportunity to meet with and chat with the Selects FC coaches. Selects FC coaches will be expected to maintain a mentorship approach to the community coaches and be a resource for them. This will enable a relationship to develop between them whereby the appropriate kids/coaches can be identified and be streamed into the competitive programs.
- Recognizing that 85% of our players do not play club soccer.

In our Selects FC program, which is our competitive program, it will be the stated goal of the club to:

- Develop our players to be able to play at the highest level they are capable of.
- Provide opportunities for players to play on provincial teams, and attend the development centers such as the REX (regional center of excellence) program.
- We will train our teams to such a high standard that will be able to compete and win both provincial and national competitions.
- We will provide opportunities for those that wish to do so to be identified and scouted by university and college teams. To that end our Director of Soccer Operations and Selects Director will be required to make the relationships necessary for that to happen.

We will recognize that with our stated goals that our players belong to the club and not to an individual team.

- It is the intention of the Selects FC program to have One Tier 1 team, One Tier 2 team and a minimum of One Tier 3 team in each age group and gender. Where possible in a particular age group the tier 1 team should be comprised of older birth year players, the tier 2 team a group of younger birth year players, and the tier 3 team should be a mix team for players that are developing and looking for a chance to move to tier 1-2.
- Coaches with teams within the same age groups and perhaps a year above and below will be mandated, and encouraged to provide opportunities for the teams to work and train together. This will allow all the coaches to see the players and stream the players to the right teams. This will also allow for parents and players to get to know one another to make moving teams easier should it be required.
- Coaches across the association will be required to actively encourage their players to play at the highest level possible.