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To: MSA Youth Club Members / Stakeholders / Soccer Community

From: Héctor O. Vergara, MSA Executive Director

cc: MSA Board of Directors
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Scott Dixon, WYSA Executive Director

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Re: Summary of Progress

Dear Stakeholders and Soccer Community Members,

As part of our continued efforts to communicate transparently and collaboratively, we are pleased to share this July update, summarizing key milestones in the rollout of Manitoba Soccer's grassroots development model.

Summary of Progress

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Ongoing meetings with technical directors, club presidents, and community leaders have strengthened alignment with Canada Soccer's Grassroots Standards.
- **Pilot Programs:** Two grassroots pilot programs have been completed, providing valuable insights on session structure, registration logistics, and festival play formatting.
- **FAQ Expansion:** The Frequently Asked Questions document has been updated as of July 22. This includes new responses related to:
 - The transition from U3–U7 to U8–U13, highlighting how programming becomes more intentional and outcome-focused.
 - Research supporting the shift away from early selection in favour of flexible models that support late-developing athletes.
- **Audit Team Formation:** A new team has been established to help guide and ensure quality standards across all grassroots service providers.
- **Next Steps:** Our upcoming major meeting will focus on finalizing seasonal calendar blocks and aligning registration timelines to ensure consistent programming across the province.

The updated FAQ document, which includes these additions along with previous updates, is attached to this message for your review.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support as we work together toward a stronger, more inclusive grassroots soccer model across Manitoba.

