



PAYSIA AGM

Technical Director's report – October 26th, 2020.

The 2019-20 indoor season was very successful, we had 804 players involved in house league and close to 200 players involved in Celtic and in the High Performance program.

The house league teams from last indoor season were well organized. Having one Age Group Coordinator and being able to see her every day, helps a lot. We want to thank Trina Bell for doing great job. We made all house league teams with almost maximum number of players per team, that is how there was no or little problems if players did not show up and reduce short roster for house league coaches.

The Celtic teams took parts in seven different tournaments in and out the province (we had teams going to Edmonton) plus Provincials Division 1 and Division 2 for our indoor 2019-20 season.

- At these tournaments, we had six champions and nine silver medal winners
- U15 Boys High Performance won silver at Provincials
- U15 Boys Celtics won gold at Provincials

Overall, I am more than satisfied with results the teams made. There is still room for improvement in some age groups. The most important thing in all age groups is we had teams able to compete at the top level with any other clubs. That is really a big achievement if we compare our community with some other communities of the same size (Moose Jaw, who even have a better facility or Lloydminster). At the same time, our Division 2 teams (we had U11 Girls, U13 Boys and U15 Boys) did excellent and improved a lot. We will have some new coaches involved this year and I hope they will bring new quality in our programs.

Goalkeeper Academy was going on every Friday night, free for Celtic goalies. We will continue it same way this year following Covid-19 guidelines.

Because of Covid-19, we had to cancel our spring season. Unfortunately, a break of seven months will have a big impact on our club and it will take time for things to return to the previous level. The entire situation is still causing us huge problems in organizing and having

more children involved. However, house league started already last Monday and we hope it will continue as scheduled. It was so challenging to make all schedules due to all necessary requirements and guidelines from Health Authority and our governing body, Saskatchewan Soccer Association.

At this time, Mitzi (our Office Manager), and I are confident things are well prepared and safely going well.

Speaking about Saskatchewan Soccer Association, there is lot of things I am so disappointed with and I would like to speak about it with the new Board of Directors. I believe we should address concerns and offer solutions on problems that are obvious.

With respect to organizing house league for spring (U11 to U19), there will be only mixed leagues. I really think that this is the best option as it is easier for everybody to make teams and to have enough numbers in all age divisions.

During house league, we also will be focusing on developing our referees, as it is an important part of the game as well. There are enough games and with strong guidance from Rory McIntosh, our referee assignor, many of them will become Premier Soccer League referees, which is our final goal.

At the end, I would like to thank the PAYSA President, Office Manager, all the Board Members, Age Group Coordinator and all volunteers for their hard work during the last year.

Have a great indoor season, good luck and stay safe.

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