

November 1, 2011

Dear Members;

Over the past few years, the Pickering Soccer Club has embraced and moved to implement locally the Canadian Soccer Association Long Term Player Development Program ([http://www.canadasoccer.com/wellness/Wellness\\_CoupeDuMonde.asp?lang=en](http://www.canadasoccer.com/wellness/Wellness_CoupeDuMonde.asp?lang=en))

Both on the competitive and the recreational side we have fostered fun and development rather than winning especially at the younger ages. For example, we eliminated season standings in our recreational programs, held our first ever All Star Friendly tournament, implemented our competitive "Academy" program for U7s to U13s to provide high level coaching to all players, fostered individual player development rather than team winning at our younger competitive teams (we were instrumental in the DRSA changing the U8-U9 competitive program to a developmental focus), introduced "Futsal" to both our competitive and recreational programs, provided opportunities for physical literacy development (Agility Balance Coordination) and provided excellent coaching development opportunities (Coerver clinic; Karl Dewazien clinic just this year).

We are very pleased to learn that the OSA is now advancing plans to implement LTPD province wide. We would like you to know that your club is very well positioned when these province wide changes take effect. Indeed, we have been sharing our plans and programs, consistent with LTPD, with our membership for the past 2 ½ years at our competitive parent meetings.

Please browse and read the documents on the OSA website detailing plans for implementation (<http://www.ontariosoccer.net> links in the LTPD box).

A good place to start is this document from the OSA entitled "Parents and Caregivers message": <http://www.ontariosoccer.net/Portals/11/LTPD/LTPD%20Parents%20and%20Caregivers%20Message%20August%202011.pdf>

and the most recent message sent out by the OSA technical officer Alex Chiet: <http://www.ontariosoccer.net/Portals/11/LTPD/TAC%20Statement%2026th%20October%202011.pdf>

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask by contacting Tony LaFerrara, Club Head Coach, Franco Taverna, Girls Competitive Director or Patrick Doyle, Boys Competitive Director.

Sincerely,

Pickering Soccer Club