

2018 AGM Report

Club Head Coach

KDSC is fortunate to have great programming and strong leadership at the board, technical, and field level. At every conference, every workshop, and every coach training session, KDSC is regularly brought up as a model of proper practice regarding Long Term Player Development (LTPD) methodology.

The standardized group training programs offered to all development level players are the ideal mechanism for player development. Using the squad style trainings allowing players and coaches to fully develop skills in a fun learning environment benefits the entire programming. 2018 saw a change in the day of training to weekends which proved to be more challenging than anticipated. Further adjustments will need to be made in 2019 to encourage participation.

The Fundamentals Technical Coach strategy has set an early foundation for players progressing from U8 play to U9 play as well as provided a valuable resource for coaches in that age group.

KDSC was able to once again host their Fury Day at TD Place this past summer along with a community practice. Through the Fury Day partnership with the programming, players were given the opportunity to have a training day on a professional field, followed by game day activities. The community practice saw the players from the Senior Fury team attend KDSC fields for introductions, autographs, and provide our players the opportunity to play with these talented individuals. These experiences further fostered a passion for the game for our young players.

KDSC once again provided coach education opportunities through Ontario Soccer coach certification courses. KDSC was fortunate to have several coaches represented on these courses. Additionally, one KDSC coach chose to progress his training to the Provincial C License course and will be evaluated shortly. Additionally the KDSC In House Certified course was run with multiple U8 and below coaches discussing topics from developmental stages to practice recommendations.

The winter indoor programs were once again well attended but there remains significant room for growth. As a low cost program, players were provided training in the U6, U8, U10, U12 categories. Programs were facilitated by the Club Head Coach or by substitute trained instructors. The player progression for those participating in winter in transition to summer was obvious.