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**From the desk of Technical Director, Ciaran McMahon...**



**Y**ou may have noticed that we have changed our Code of Conduct. No more will there be a full page document outlining appropriate behaviours for each of our members (parents, players and coaches). Instead, the KYSA took steps to simplify our Code of Conduct into something that is more positive, actionable and easy to remember. We wanted to keep it basic, catchy, focussed on the ultimate needs of the participant and easy to remind others about. Our updated Code of Conduct reads as follows:

*Youth have the right to participate in a sporting environment free from verbal, emotional and physical abuse or harassment. All parents, players, officials and spectators play an important role toward creating a safe space for all participants.*

*Be Positive  
 Be Respectful  
 Be Inclusive*

*# RespectALL  
 # TogetherWeAreKYSA*

It seems a fairly simple objective to achieve and something, I'll wager, all of us would appreciate when it comes to our child's participation in soccer.

**Be positive** - Be grateful for every participant on your team, every coach, parent and referee you interact with. They each bring a different background, drive and desire to your team and can positively contribute to your own child's experience when we all make each other feel welcomed and valued for our contributions. Yes, we can all do more but we all start from different places and often need a helping hand to be shown how best to behave, and strive, and belong. How you behave gives permission to

others to do the same. A friendly smile and a "thank you for being here" can go a very long way.

**Be respectful** - That age old adage comes to mind..."treat others as you wish to be treated". We all have different expectations for what we want out of our child's sports experience and every volunteer and participant out there is trying their best. We all struggle and slip up at times. Your respect and understanding goes a long way to helping your child, their teammates and those who give their time want to stay and continue to play week after week and year after year.

**Be inclusive** - Our programs provide a place for every individual to participate regardless of abilities. Every child deserves to be celebrated for what they can do and are striving to achieve. When we welcome everyone, recognize the challenges they face, and support them along their path, the growth they can display is simply remarkable.

A simple code of conduct for a simple game. Every participant, volunteer and spectator can agree to and remember these few words and are encouraged to remind others about them when the opportunity presents itself.

The office and technical staff are looking forward to another great season of working with the dedicated coaches we have at the KYSA!



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**Kamloops Hosts 'C-License' Coaching Clinic to Start the Year!**



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The participants in a recent C License course were, back row (LtoR): Ciaran McMahon (BC Soccer Learning Facilitator), Rick Marini, Sean Semple, Wayne Athersmith, Matt Arruda, Clive Lovett, Ziquan Li, Carlos Ruis Hernandez, Niki Siddall, Rob Csabai (BC Soccer Director of Coaching Development), Dante Zanatta (BC Soccer Learning Facilitator). Front row (LtoR): Tricia Martin, Logan Zimmerman, Louis Drummond, Ossman Palani, Brandon Mendez, Frank Faraone, Alfonso Munoz, Tyler Becker.

The KYSA and Kelowna United jointly staged a 'C License' Coaching Course over the weekends of January 19/20 and February 2/3. KYSA Technical Director Ciaran McMahon, Kelowna United Technical Director Dante Zanatta and BC Soccer Director of Coaching Development Rob Csabai conducted the course. The first half of the four-day course was held in Kelowna and the second half in Kamloops.

There were six Kamloops coaches that participated in the course, including two from KYSA. The KYSA financially subsidized the registration fee for the currently active KYSA coaches who were on the course.

Please check the list of the remaining BC Soccer Coaching Courses planned for Kamloops in 2019 on the next page.

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

KYSA is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to offering youth in Kamloops a positive, fun soccer environment at the recreational and competitive levels, with coaches who are dedicated to the players and their development, while at the same time promoting sportsmanship and fellowship amongst all its members.

## From the desk of Executive Director, Missy Cederholm...



Please note the following dates on the 2019 KYSA calendar: There will be an "Ice Breaker" Tournament for the U7 to U12 teams on the opening weekend of the 2019 season, April 13/14. The **Errol Wild** Active Start Mini-Soccer Festival (also for U4 to U12 teams) will be June 22/23. The **Mike Bartram** Youth Soccer Tournament (for U13 to U18 house teams) will be held on the weekend of May 4/5, while the House League Playoffs (also for U13 to U18 house teams) are scheduled for the June 22/23 weekend.

The 2019 Thompson-Okanagan Youth Soccer League Playoffs are scheduled for June 22/23. Shuswap (Salmon Arm) will host the girls and Kelowna will host the boys. The league is for district select teams. The Provincial A Cup for boys and girls is set to take place in Surrey, the **Les Sinnott** Memorial Boys Provincial B Cup is slated for Prince George and the Provincial B Cup for Girls will be held in Burnaby. Provincial Cup competitions are open to select teams in the U13 to U18 age groups and will be held July 4-7, 2019.

KYSA is looking to engage with our members on social media. We have started a Feature Friday, where we are looking to recognize a staff member, board member, coach, volunteer or player each week. This feature is available on the KYSA website and is also posted each Friday on Facebook and Instagram. If there is a KYSA member that you would like to nominate, please email me at kysaed@telus.net or call 250-376-2750.

Members are encouraged to send in your team photos and stories throughout the season! We want to share your successes and memories with all of our members.  
#TogetherWeAreKYSA

Planning has started for the 3rd Annual Volunteer Awards and Appreciation Dinner, tentatively scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 15th. This event is a great opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond throughout the season. If you are interested in assisting with this event, please contact me at kysaed@telus.net or 250-376-2750.

Coaches who are planning on taking part in a coaching course this year, please note that registration for the following courses is now open:

- March 29 & April 5 - Fundamentals
- March 30 & April 6 - Soccer for Life
- March 31 & April 7 - Learn to Train

Please visit coachcentre.ca to enroll in the course you are wishing to attend. There is no cost to any active KYSA coach to take any BC Soccer Coaching Course. Please keep in mind head coaches of all KYSA teams must have the appropriate level coaching certification for the 2019 season. Visit www.kysa.net/coaching for more details.

A reminder that all Coaches and Volunteers are required to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC), valid within the current KYSA fiscal year, November 1 to October 31. CRCs can be submitted electronically with a form available on the KYSA website, at www.kysa.net/crc.

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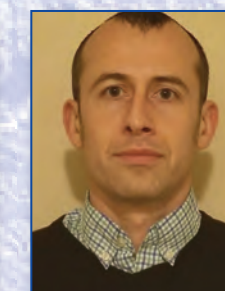
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