



# Youth Alliance

It is with immense enthusiasm, that we officially announce the Youth Alliance, in a partnership with Valour FC. The Youth Alliance brings together five clubs comprising Bonivital Soccer Club, FC Northwest, Winnipeg Phoenix FC, St Charles Force Soccer Club and Winnipeg South End United. Working closer than ever before, our desire is to improve the landscape of Manitoba soccer. This unification stems from the efforts and understanding of each club that we are stronger together. The Youth Alliance is a cultivation of passion, love for the game, and a desire to take steps in the right direction.

The Youth Alliance will work together to provide a new and improved format for training and competition for our Developmental and Premier players. It will complement existing Community Centre mini soccer, deliver high performance programming as Valour Youth Affiliates, and provide summer Skill Centre opportunities for all players.

## One Season Training and Competition Model

Beginning January 2022, we will move forward with our new “One Season Model”. For players U9-U17 the league will run from January – November with no change-over of teams or rosters. Several breaks have been incorporated throughout our season to ensure adequate rest and to retain/increase registration numbers for those who travel in the summer months.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>REGISTRATION &amp; EVALUATIONS</b>		<b>Competition Format</b> [Full Field Indoor & Outdoor] Weekday training Weekend games				<b>SKILL CENTRES</b> [Break From Competition Format] Weekdays only		<b>Competition Format</b> [Full Field Outdoor & Indoor] Weekday training Weekend games		<b>BREAK</b>	

*\*This calendar is subject to change*

## What's To Come for Indoor 2021

In preparation for the “One Season Model” there will be a “Bridge” Season beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 and ending December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021. This “Bridge” season will be comprised of exhibition games and training sessions for developmental and premier players. Registration for the Indoor Bridge Season can be done through each respective club. For now, recreational indoor soccer will remain unchanged.

## Why the need for change?

For the past several years the District Clubs have been working to align our pathway with the Canada Soccer Long Term Player Development (LTPD) model. This model was created to provide an optimal soccer experience at all stages of the game, inclusive of all ages and skill levels. In our current system we are unable to meet these goals, therefore we have looked towards alternate avenues that will better serve our soccer community. As District Clubs, we have come together as likeminded entities to form the

Youth Alliance, which we believe provides the best opportunity to further follow the LTPD model mandated by Canada Soccer.

### **Why The One Season Model**

As officially licensed Quality Soccer Providers, it is our responsibility to meet the standards set forth by The Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program. The One Season Model facilitates the opportunity to provide and schedule appropriate periodized programming throughout the year. This is a recommendation by Canada Soccer in accordance with the standards of Youth Club Licensing and will align the Youth Alliance with the rest of Canada. The newly adjusted calendar will benefit players, parents, coaches and Club Staff by providing essential rest and transition period blocks from beginning to end of the season.

We are proud to launch the Youth Alliance and look enthusiastically towards the opportunities in store for soccer in Manitoba. Collectively, the work done by each club thus far, is only the starting point of what can be accomplished when we come together. Continue to follow all five clubs on social media for more information, including registration details regarding the “Bridge Indoor Season”.



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