

U13 - U15 Bronze-Gold Coordinator Annual Report

Introduction

In the last year, I have had the privilege of being the U13-U18 Coordinator, it has been a pleasure working with this group and seeing the year progress towards the club's goals of lifelong player development. Our technical coaches Clive Clark and Jan Skoupil have worked hard with their players gaining a good understanding of where they are at within their development as well as being able to work with each player to reach their potential. This year we have seen a lot of movement in these age groups and players challenging themselves to higher levels. The volunteer coaches and managers have continued to be a driving force for this group. Their commitment and passion for soccer have given the boys great role models.

Year Review

It is in my opinion that the club is fortunate to have such dedicated and passionate volunteer coaches and managers at these age groups. The entering U13 group of players from Bronze to Metro have been working together at all levels to seek and help the players reach their potential this year. The coaches have been using Slack for communication and as a place for coaches to all be aware of all players so that to make sure that each one is getting an opportunity to play at the level they are at development wise. In my communication with our coaches and managers both volunteer and technical, they have thoroughly enjoyed working with the group of boys but have brought up many ideas on how to improve and enhance our program going further. Parents have also contacted me several times, raising valued questions and ideas that I have either brought up to our board or spoken with our Technical Director to adjust, address and resolve.

In the three age groups, there has been a lot of movement with players. From week to week and actual movement to another level, the coaches and managers have been on top of them and making sure they are all taken care for from making sure there is no jersey number conflict, to having proper permits submitted on time.

Jan Skoupil has been with the U13 and U14 string this year. Clive Clark completed his two years with the U15 and will be going on to other adventures. Both did a great job in making sure the players had technical training while also helping our volunteer coaches. This is a team effort and one that needs to be facilitated by our coaches and supported by our Technical staff.

Issues and Resolutions for the Upcoming Year

Communication

Communication was the primary club issue and this year we saw the implementation of the SLACK to its fullest. I would encourage further communication with SLACK in terms of ideas, coaches lesson plans and general communication.

Recommendations

Communication also involve the managers interims of permits and any issue with confirming games. As a manager of the U13's being part of SLACK and being able to communicate with the other managers and coaches made permitting players, jersey numbers conflicts, ID cards and confirming games a very smooth transition each week. This also included practices where some players would email last minute and I was able to message the coaches right away.

U15 Silver and Gold

There was some confusion on the U15 Silver team as to who would be their coach when a player and coach were moved up to the gold division. The coach was very good in making sure that the boys were looked after and communicated right away to me and Steve Hood.

Looking Ahead

Steve will be watching to make sure that Coaches are in place as best as we can as always.

U13 Bronze to Metro Teams

These teams of boys have been very committed and devoted at all levels and it is a fantastic example of what happens when you work as a team, great things happen. Their coaches have been collaborative and have worked with their managers to create a team approach to both the managing of the team and being an example for the boys to follow. There was great communication between, players, parents, coaches, managers and technical staff. Thus, this is a great example of where our club is at and what we are working towards. All boys know each other from Bronze to Metro. As a result, all levels have been successful at the U13 level.

Conclusion

I have enjoyed my year as a coordinator and must thank all our committed coaches to making this year run smoothly though there have been some challenges everyone has been incredible. With the introduction of SLACK and having volunteer coaches be more part of the program in terms of development both for themselves and players, it has been a positive year. For the players, I wish you all great success and look forward to seeing you on the pitch.

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