



*For the Love of the Game*

## **SOUTH DELTA UNITED SOCCER CLUB**

**September 1, 2016**

### **An open letter to the student athletes of SDSS & DSS,**

This season marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the soccer communities of Ladner and Tsawwassen under the banner of South Delta United.

A catalyst in the development of young athletes in our newly formed soccer club will continue to be the strength and commitment of our community coaches and the technical program, which supports them. One dimension of SDU that we plan to foster are the positive and healthy relationships between our players at the grassroots levels and those who have graduated to the senior levels of our youth clubs and Delta School District Academy program.

We will begin facilitating a mentorship program for student athletes by having them work alongside our Technical staff coaches and community coaches starting September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. The end goal will be pairing up the student athletes with a boys or girls team at U6-U10 for the season. The student athletes will serve as mentors to our micro players, which has the potential to provide a long lasting, positive impact on these young players. This will be the focus of our "Big buddy program". The support will come from the Head Coach of player development, Russ Heggie and the Head Coach of grassroots Jon Rogers, along with our community coaches throughout the season.

The commitment for interested students will be to **regularly attend** and **participate** to the best of their ability in one practice from 5-6 or 6-7pm during the week throughout the season in either Ladner or Tsawwassen and the weekend game wherever possible.

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