

Player Development Program – Alberta



Operational Plan

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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PDP) – ALBERTA

Operational Plan – Version History

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INTRODUCTION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Player Development Program – Alberta

The Player Development Program – Alberta is a Canada Soccer standards-based youth training and competition framework, which provides a best-on-best environment (both in training and competition) to allow for the on-going development of our players, coaches and referees.

Under the guidance and governance of Canada Soccer, and comprised of Alberta clubs who have achieved their provisional National Youth Club License, the PDP – Alberta will provide an optimal environment to prepare players for selection into elite programs in the Excellence Stream of the Long-Term Player Development pathway (as shown in Figure 1).

The PDP – Alberta is part of a national network of licensed clubs and high-performance competitions which will help improve player and coach development in Canada. Teams from our PDP will eventually represent Alberta as part of a national Licensed Club showcase.

As stated by Canada Soccer:

“The philosophy of the Canada Soccer Youth Performance League is based on improving the quality and volume of training, on providing more meaningful competition for players and on increasing the calibre, access to and frequency of coach education opportunities. By improving the environment at the organizational level, the Canada Soccer Youth Performance League aims to produce a consistent stream of talented players who can then go on to achieve success in the game at higher levels of competition.”

INTRODUCTION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Player Development Program – Alberta

As shown in the diagram below, the introduction of the PDP – Alberta will provide new development opportunities within Stage 4 of the Long-Term Athlete Development framework - “Train to Train”.

Figure 1. Canada Soccer Player Pathway



COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

Alberta Clubs Awarded a Provisional License

Seven Alberta clubs were granted their provisional National Youth Club Licensed by Canada Soccer in the summer of 2019. Participation in the Player Development Program in 2020 will be limited to teams from these Alberta National Youth Club Licensed clubs.



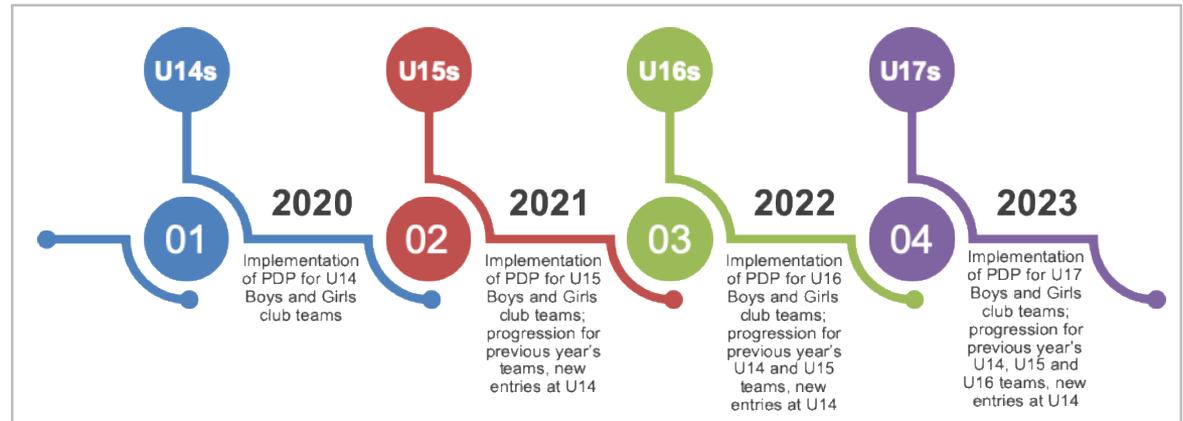
COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

Initial Age Groups and Future Expansion

The seven Alberta clubs will begin participating in the National Youth Club Licensed competition with their U14 2006 born players starting in the spring of 2020. Each club will be expected to field a team at the 2006 age group in both genders.

In subsequent years, additional age groups will be added to the competition until there is a full slate of age groups from U14 to U17, for both genders. This will occur with the start of the 2023 competition. The progression of age groups is shown here.

One additional, and important, consideration for the expansion of the PDP is that clubs who receive their National Youth Club License in subsequent years **WILL NOT** be “grandfathered” into the previous age groups.



In other words, if an 8th club is awarded a license in 2020, that club will begin play with their U14 group composed of 2007-born players. The new club will not be “grandfathered” into the competition for 2006 players, which will remain composed of only the 7 originally licensed clubs, who will continue to progress through the age groups.

COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

Initial Age Groups and Future Expansion

Continued participation in the Player Development Program will require the licensed clubs to continue to progress on their Canada Soccer action plan and move from a provisional license to a full license. This will be followed by 360-degree reviews which will be conducted by Canada Soccer, with Alberta Soccer's participation and support, once every 2 years.

Participation in the PDP requires the licensed clubs to maintain their standing with Canada Soccer. In the unlikely event that any currently licensed club has their National Youth Club license withdrawn by Canada Soccer, they will no longer be eligible to participate in the PDP at any age group within which that club fields a team.

Consistent with the approach that there will be no "grandfathering" of clubs into previous age groups, a club which has had their license revoked will not be replaced, and the competition will continue with a reduced number of teams.

Beginning in 2021, clubs who submit their application/action plan to Canada Soccer by August 31st, and receive their National Youth Club License by September 30th will join the PDP in January of the following year (for competition) but will be permitted to conduct player identification and scouting prior to formally joining. For example, when a new club receives their license by September 30th, 2020 they will be permitted to initiate their player intake processes in August/September 2020 and be permitted to perform team training, friendlies, tournaments, and showcases (the same as all the other licensed clubs) and then join the development competition beginning in January, 2021.

COMPETITION PARTICIPANTS

Additional Licensing Levels

The National Youth Club License is administered by Canada Soccer.

Alberta Soccer, in collaboration with local Districts, will introduce and administer local licensing levels beginning in 2020.

This will include Provincial III (Standards for Quality Soccer [SQS]), Provincial II, and Provincial I licenses. Provincial III (SQS) will be the base-level license which all clubs, at any level, should be able to achieve. This base-level license will help ensure that all clubs provide a safe and developmentally appropriate environment for their participants. The Provincial II and Provincial I license levels will layer additional sporting, administrative, and governance requirements to reflect clubs that offer broader and more advanced programming. Like the National Youth Club License, the Provincial II and Provincial I licenses may also permit access to specific competitions (e.g., District Tier 1 Leagues, Club Nationals, etc.)

It is expected that the local licensing will be implemented in a phased approach, beginning with the Provincial III (SQS) License starting in 2020, followed by the Provincial II and Provincial I licenses in the subsequent year(s).

Requirements for the Provincial III (SQS) License have been finalized and are under review by selected Districts. Applications for Provincial III (SQS) Licenses are anticipated to open by the end of 1Q2020, at the latest, and all member clubs are expected to have their Provincial III (SQS) License in place by March 31, 2021.

The only exception to this requirement are clubs who have been awarded a provisional National Youth Club License by December 1, 2020.

PLAYER INTAKE AND MOVEMENTS

Initial Player Intake for 2020

As 2020 is the initial launch of the PDP – Alberta, the 2020 player identification and intake process may be unique from all subsequent seasons, and will focus on 2 key requirements:

- ❑ Allow District-level players who feel they are at an appropriate level to attempt to find a licensed club on which to play, in order to play at the highest levels of which they are capable;
- ❑ Allow the Alberta licensed clubs to identify additional players outside of their respective clubs who may be at-level and have a strong interest in joining a licensed club to continue their development.

As previously noted, the 2006 age group will not be “grandfathered” into future years of that age group’s competition. Once this information is publicized, high-performing 2006-born players may migrate to one of the 7 licensed clubs in order to participate in the PDP – Alberta for their age group. The 7 licensed clubs should be prepared for this potentially increased interest and demand of new incoming players.

For 2020, player identification events are proposed which will be hosted in February and March in Calgary and Edmonton. These player identification/education events, hosted by Alberta Soccer and the local District(s), will allow District players the opportunity to evaluate themselves against other players at the level and may provide them the possibility to join a club participating in the PDP, starting in spring 2020.

The player identification events are currently scheduled for February 14-17, 2020 in Calgary and March 2, 2020 in Edmonton.

PLAYER INTAKE AND MOVEMENTS

Player Commitments, Roster Sizes, and Player Call-Ups

Whether player identification events will be held in subsequent years is yet to be determined, but it is expected that intake events will be held each year for the U14 intake year. This will provide a formal mechanism, hosted by Alberta Soccer and the local District(s), to allow District players to evaluate themselves at the NYCL level and determine if the Alberta Youth Soccer League is a good fit for them. For other age groups, the licensed clubs will perform their own scouting of potential future players for any older age groups, as well as responding to parent and player-initiated inquiries/interest in joining their clubs.

Once players have committed to their Alberta licensed club, they will be registered within their home district, following the processes and procedures currently in place for registering players in District leagues and competitions.

PLAYER INTAKE AND MOVEMENTS

Player Commitments, Roster Sizes, and Player Call-Ups

Roster sizes should be variable to allow players to have a chance to play competitive games in the PDP, especially for promising District players within the same club. Licensed clubs will have flexibility to manage players within the roster limits shown below. However, this flexibility does not “green light” licensed clubs from amassing a large number of players from other District clubs into their own District teams, under the pretext of future PDP play.

- ❑ Minimum roster size: 16 players
- ❑ Maximum roster size: 20 players

Within these limits, clubs will be able to provide roster space for promising players from their own District teams to have a chance to participate on their PDP teams, within the guidelines outlined on the following pages.

There are no residency rules that apply to players participating in the Player Development Program. However, at-level players who participate in the PDP would ideally participate within the licensed club that is closest to them geographically. This will help reduce the amount of travel time that a player will spend travelling to and from training and games. Nonetheless, the priority for which licensed club a player wants to participate with is ultimately based on the preference of the player and his/her family.

To facilitate this preference, registrations for any player identification events and combines performed to intake new District players will allow the player and their family to choose their preference for the licensed club within which they want to participate. This will help align the players’ preferences with each licensed club’s needs.

PLAYER INTAKE AND MOVEMENTS

Player Recruitment and Solicitation

Canada Soccer outlines recruitment as the practice of deliberate and proactive persuasion or enticement of an active player by an individual or individuals associated with another licensed team, or licensed club, intended to convince that player to join their licensed team and leave the player's current licensed team. While Alberta PDP is proactively planning for player scouting events and activities for promising, at-level District players (as outlined below), clubs should ensure that their activities do not cross the threshold from scouting to active recruiting.

Active recruitment or solicitation of existing players, coaches, or staff from another licensed team or club shall always be prohibited. All Alberta licensed clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of their staff, players and parents with respect to recruitment and solicitation.

Licensed clubs are also prohibited from using fee discounting measures as a means of indirect solicitation or recruitment of certain players to their program at any time.

Active recruitment of another club's players, coaches, or staff risks the revocation and loss of the club's National Youth Club License by Canada Soccer.

However, contact with players registered at another organizations may be initiated by the player's parents or guardians, but this can only occur during the open period between the end of the PDP outdoor competition and September 20th.

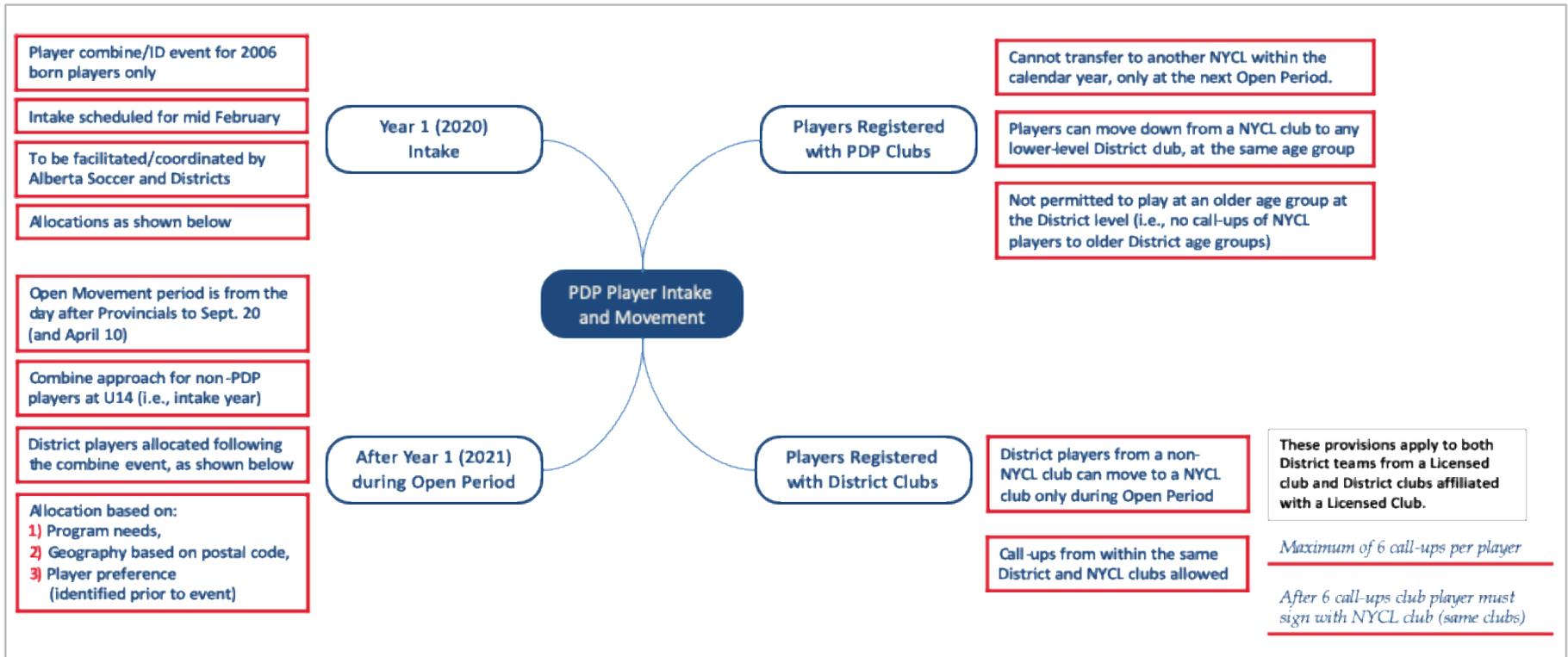
Refer to Figure 2, below, for a summary of agreed-upon player intake and player movement requirements.

PLAYER INTAKE AND MOVEMENTS

Player Intake and Movement Overview

The diagram below summarizes the anticipated player intake and movement requirements of the PDP starting in 2020.

Figure 2. Player Movement Policies



PLAYER INTAKE AND MOVEMENTS

Player Scouting and Communications

Clearly, the creation of a Player Development Program is intended to provide at-level players with the opportunity to train and compete in a higher-level environment and facilitate their on-going development. We understand that some high-performing players may not be members of licensed clubs and may be participating with their District teams. Players who may be interested in participating in the PDP should be provided the opportunity to do so if they are ready for the next challenge. The ultimate decision, however, resides with the player and their family, and whatever decision they choose, it should be actively supported by both the District and National Licensed clubs.

As noted, no attempt to recruit, persuade, or entice players from another Licensed Club will be permitted at any time. Contact with players registered at another Licensed Club may be initiated only by the player's parents or guardians, and only during the open period of the PDP (end of the PDP outdoor season until September 20th).

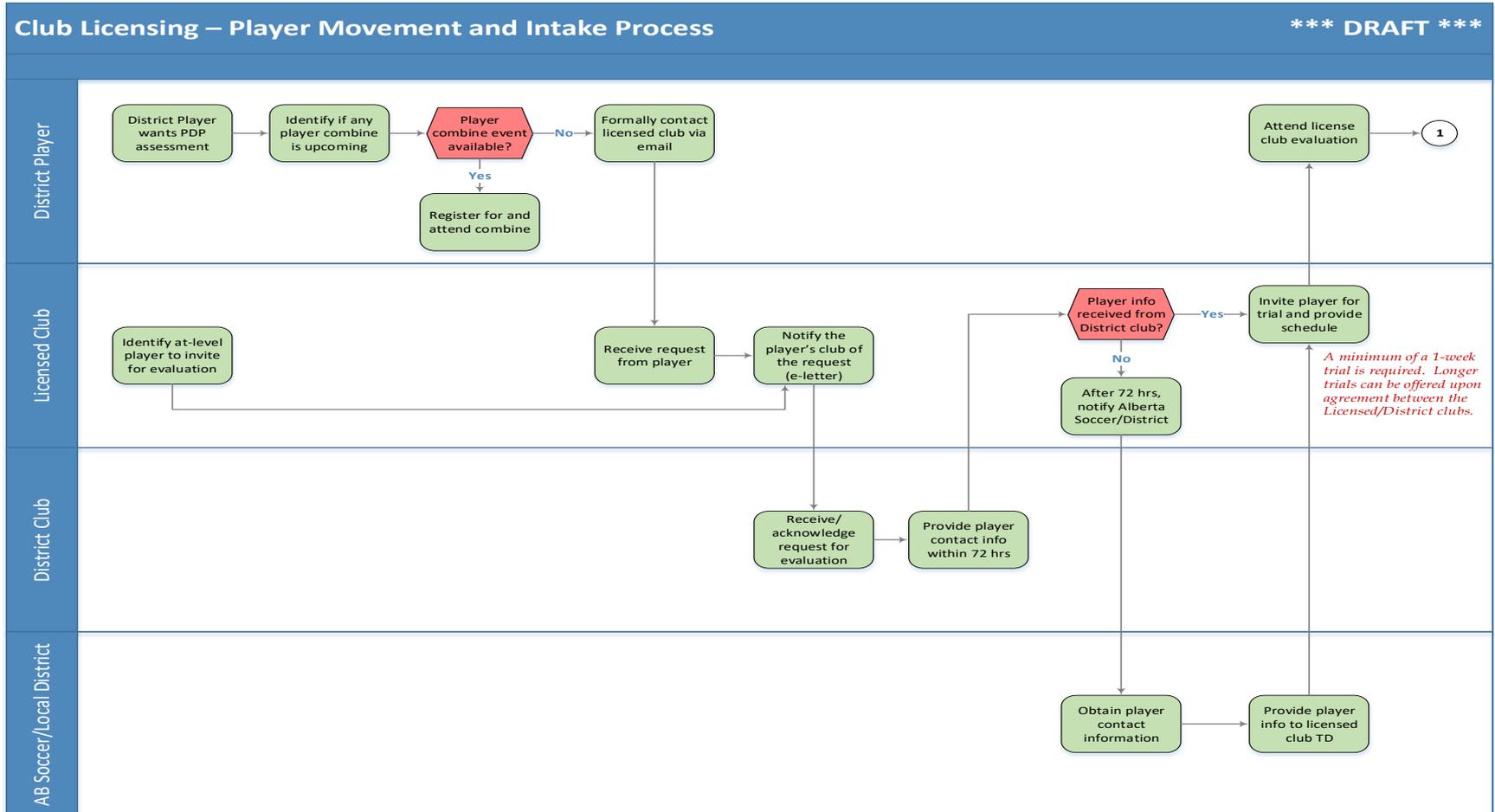
Players outside of the PDP and participating with District clubs may be scouted and observed in their current organization at any time. Contact can be initiated by the player's parents or guardian, by a coach/official on the player's current team, or by a licensed club in a formal and transparent manner.

Refer to Figure 3, below, which outlines the process for District player contact, communication, and trial periods.

PLAYER INTAKE AND MOVEMENTS

Player Scouting and Communications

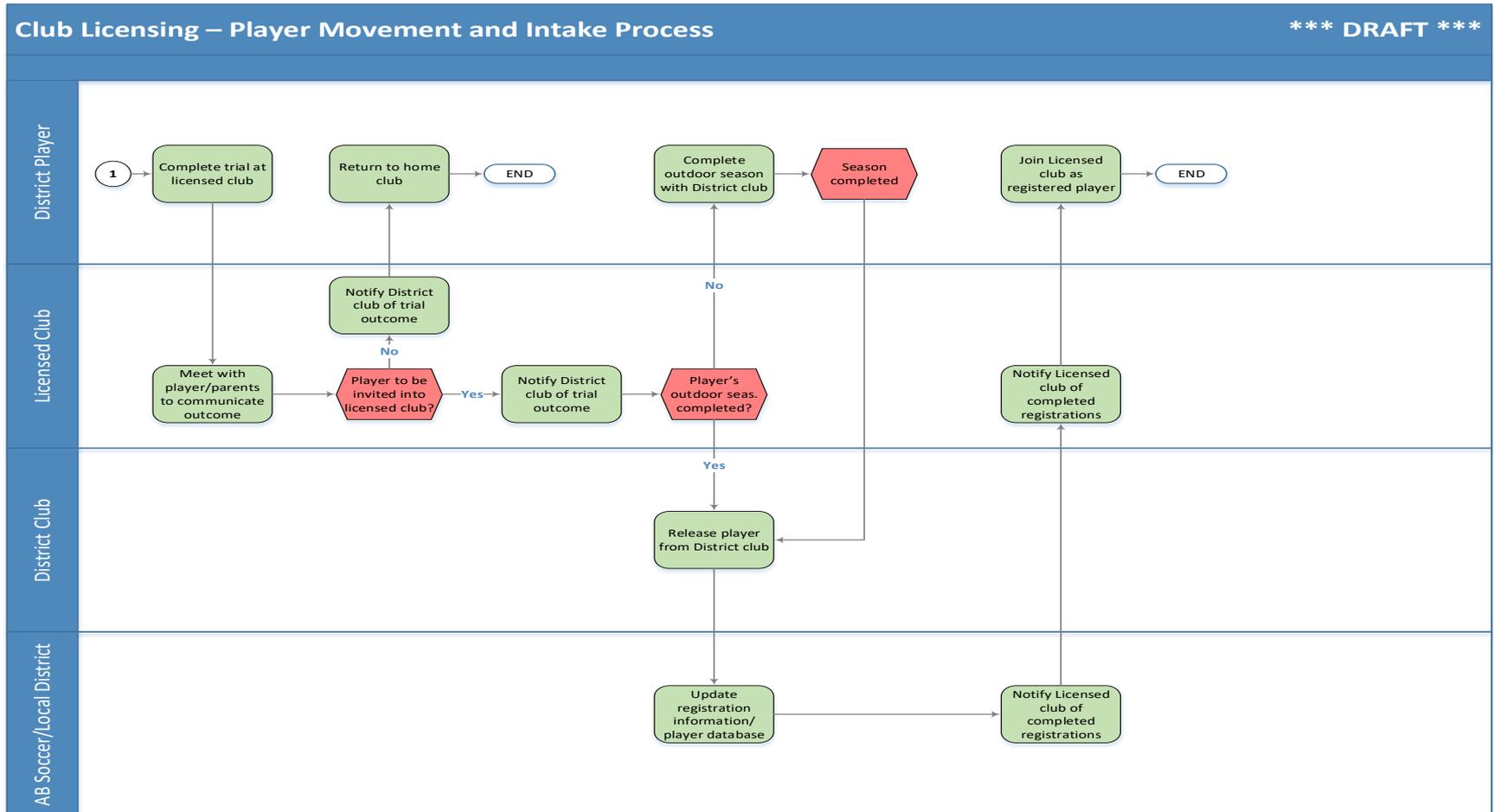
Figure 3. District Player Intake and Scouting Process



PLAYER INTAKE AND MOVEMENTS

Player Scouting and Communications

Figure 3. District Player Intake and Scouting Process



TRAINING AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE, TIMEFRAME, & PERIODIZATION

Periodized Competition Schedule

The following pages outline the proposed periodized schedule of the PDP – Alberta from player intake, through the outdoor PDP competition, and to the indoor developmental competition for 2020 and 2021.

As 2020 is the initial year of the PDP – Alberta, the process and timing for the PDP competition is slightly different than it will be in subsequent years. One of the key requirements in the initial year (2020) is the plan for a player identification event/combine, in mid-February and early March, to allow District players the opportunity to be identified and selected for a national licensed club. As noted, this is especially important as the 2006 age group will not be “grandfathered” into the competition in future years, and a scouting combine event may assist these players in identifying a licensed club which may interest them.

The schedule has several important priorities and requirements:

- ❑ *Proper Periodization.* The schedule strives to be properly periodized both from the perspective of providing breaks and time off for players and clubs throughout the annual calendar, as well as providing enough time between matches for recovery. For example, the games will only be scheduled on Saturdays and Wednesdays, which provide enough time between games to allow for player recovery. And proper periodization is also achieved via a regularly scheduled 2-week break in the summer, as well as a 6-week “program shutdown” from the beginning of December to mid-January.

TRAINING AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE, TIMEFRAME, & PERIODIZATION

Periodized Competition Schedule

- ❑ *Showcase Events.* A minimum of 2 showcase events, per competition, per gender, will be scheduled during the annual calendar. This will provide an opportunity for all teams and players to play matches on the same weekend, and at the same location, and will facilitate player identification by Canada Soccer, colleges and universities, and professional clubs.
- ❑ *Rescheduling Capacity.* Matches shown on the schedule represent both the boys and girls matches, with the home team listed first. The expectation is that both genders from the clubs shown will play one another on the day shown, which will result in one game per weekend (and is consistent with proper periodization). This will also allow capacity on Sundays during the season to allow games which needed to be rescheduled due to weather, smoke, etc., to be played on future Sundays during the season. While this will result in back-to-back games on consecutive weekend days, and is not ideal from a periodization perspective, these occurrences will hopefully be minimal, but ensure that we can fully complete all games in the time available.
- ❑ *Ample Time for Club Programming.* We recognize that part of each club's programming may include friendlies, tournaments, and club specific showcase events. The annual schedule provides significant time for these important activities, especially in the spring and fall.
- ❑ *Balanced Schedules.* Both the indoor and outdoor schedules have tried to achieve a balanced game schedule so that each team plays every other team the same number of times. This is slightly different for the indoor schedule given the uneven number of teams between Calgary and Edmonton.

TRAINING AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE, TIMEFRAME, & PERIODIZATION

Periodized Competition Schedule

Figure 4 below shows the high-level timeline for program delivery of the PDP. As noted, 2020 represents its own unique and one-time delivery schedule as the program is formally launched. The subsequent years (2021 and beyond) will be consistent with the timeframes shown in 2021.

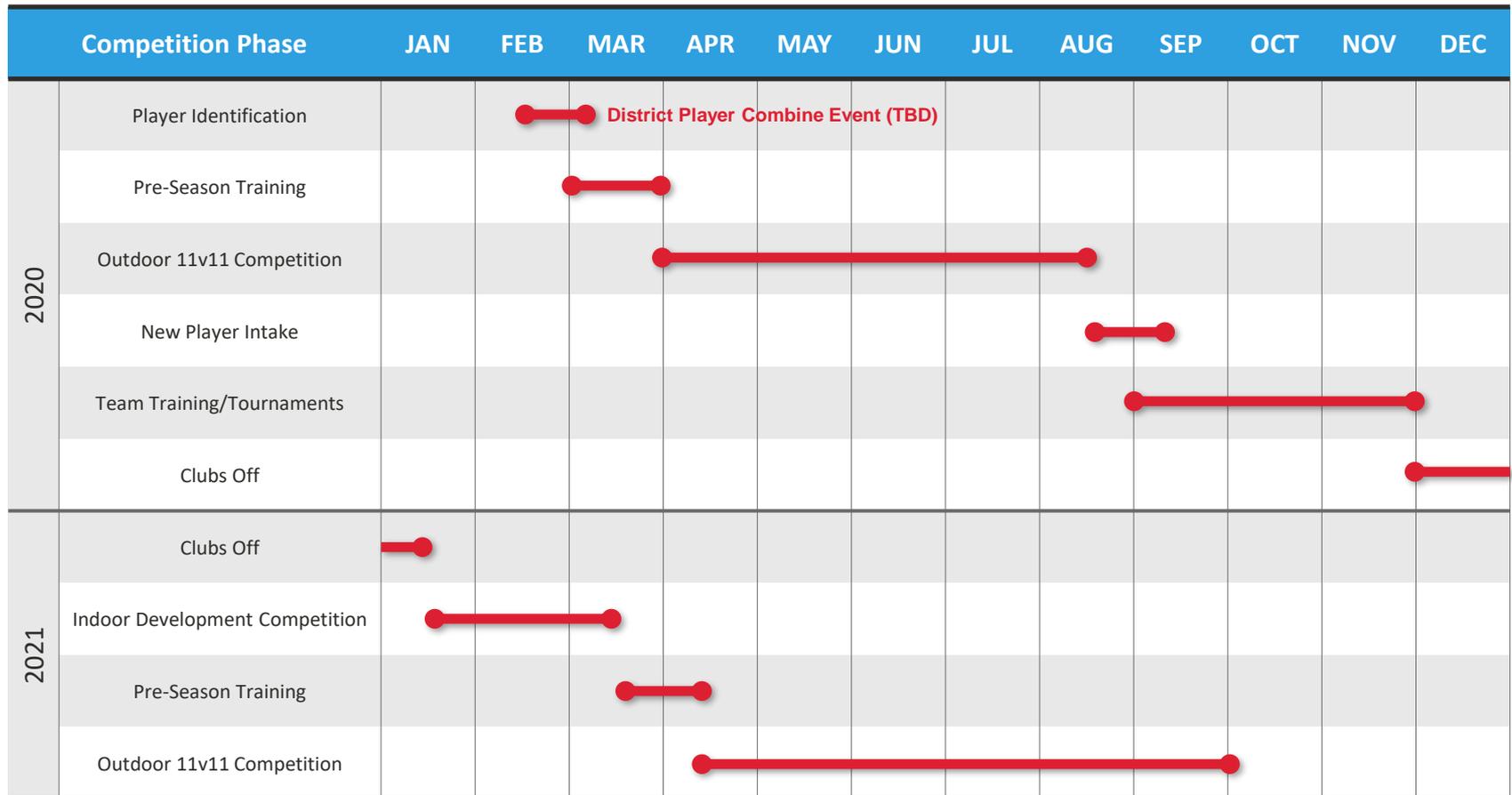
Figure 5 presents a summary of the match schedule for both the 2020 Outdoor competition and the 2021 Indoor events.

Appendix A shows the detailed periodized schedule, highlighting the intake, training, match and time off periods from February 2020 through April 2021. Once confirmed, this detailed schedule will be used to deliver the events and matches which will comprise the Player Development Program, starting in April 2020 (e.g., field scheduling, referee scheduling, communications, etc.).

TRAINING AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE, TIMEFRAME, & PERIODIZATION

Annual Timelines of the Player Development Program

Figure 4. Player Development Program – Overview of Annual Timelines



TRAINING AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE, TIMEFRAME, & PERIODIZATION

Summary of PDP Match Schedules

Figure 5. Summary of PDP Match Schedules

		<u>11v11 Outdoor Competition Schedule (2020)</u>							<u>9v9 Indoor Development Competition Schedule (2021)</u>								
		AWAY TEAM															
HOME TEAM		Blizzard	Foothills	Rangers	S. Park	Scottish	St. Albert	SWU	Blizzard	Foothills	Rangers	S. Park	Scottish	St. Albert	SWU		
	Blizzard		May 2 August 12	June 24	June 21 July 25	June 6	May 23	April 22 August 15	Blizzard		January 31	February 28	March 6	March 7	February 7	January 17	
	Foothills	June 20		April 15 July 22	June 13	April 19 July 18	April 4 June 27	June 24	Foothills	March 14		January 17	February 7	February 6	March 6	February 28	
	Rangers	April 29 July 29	June 3		April 4 June 27	June 13	June 6	April 11 August 5	Rangers	January 24	February 21		February 6	March 7	March 6	January 31	
	S. Park	May 30	April 25 August 15	May 9		June 20	April 29 August 16	April 18 August 8	S. Park					February 28	January 31		
	Scottish	July 26 August 8	May 23	April 25 August 15	May 2 August 12		May 30	May 9	Scottish				January 24		February 21		
	St. Albert	April 5 July 18	May 9	April 18 August 8	June 24	April 15 July 22		June 20	St. Albert				March 14	January 17			
	SWU	June 10	April 29 July 29	May 23	June 6	April 4 June 27	May 2 July 25		SWU	February 21	January 24	March 14	March 7	February 7	February 6		

TRAINING AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE, TIMEFRAME, & PERIODIZATION

Game Formats and Playing Time Guidelines

Game formats will be 11v11 for the outdoor competition, and align to FIFA standards related to field and goal sizes and to the IFAB standards related to the Laws of the Game. Results and standings will be recorded.

The indoor development games program will be 9v9 and align to Alberta Soccer's standards for non-boarded matches.

However, the indoor development games program should be highly flexible to allow the teams and clubs to play/train within conditioned games. For example, teams may choose to play one period with players down and switch roles in the next period. Coaches and technical directors of the clubs can choose to arrange the developmental conditions that are best suited to the development of their players, and the conditioned games are encouraged during the indoor phase of the competition. Results and standings will not be recorded for the indoor, developmental matches.

To support these innovative game conditions, Alberta Soccer suggests convening an "Game Innovation Group", composed of technical representatives from the clubs, to identify new and innovative game conditions which can be applied to matches to help enhance the game-specific development of our players.

TRAINING AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE, TIMEFRAME, & PERIODIZATION

Player Information Database

The purpose of the PDP is to create a best-on-best environment for players who are ready, across all their individual characteristics (sporting, social/emotional, physical) to challenge themselves at the next level of their development. As the PDP will have many high-performance players, it will be important to track those players to allow easy referrals to the next level of the development pathway (Canada Soccer, colleges and universities, and professional clubs).

To help facilitate these future referrals, Alberta Soccer seeks to create a database of player information and player video footage. National Youth Club Licensed clubs will be expected to participate in the development and contribute to the database for their players by providing each player's biographical information, as well as video footage for each player, showcasing their in-match highlights. Each home club, therefore, is expected to film each game and share the footage with other clubs and Alberta Soccer, in a common repository.

Part of the player information database will also include the relative rankings of players. Again, this will help the clubs and Alberta Soccer more easily rank players for referrals to development camps or next-level scouting events. One recommendation for allowing these extensive and consolidated player ratings is to require the coaches at each match to identify their own team's and the opposing team's 3-5 best players and provide a ranking for those players against a pre-determined set of criteria. This information would then be entered and consolidated in the player tracking database and reported upon when required.

NATIONAL YOUTH CLUB LICENSED STAFF

Coaching Requirements

Canada Soccer has outlined minimum coaching standards for National Youth Club Licensed staff. They are:

“The Licence Holder must have a paid (either full-time or part-time) Head Coach for each team it enters in the Youth Performance League [PDP].

- *U13+ Head Coaches must hold the Canada Soccer B Licence Part 1 (2019-20)*
- *U13+ Head Coaches must hold the Canada Soccer Youth Licence (2021+)*
- *U13+ Assistant Coaches must hold the Canada Soccer C Licence*

A Head Coach and an Assistant Coach with the minimum qualifications must be present at all training sessions and games.”

Alberta-based National Youth Club Licensed clubs have recommended extending the coaching standard for NYCL head coaches to a B License (Certified). Although some member clubs have indicated this requirement may be difficult to achieve, the consensus was to maintain the higher standard. Alberta Soccer is exploring the possibility of hosting 2 Youth License courses in Alberta in 2020 (one course in Edmonton, and one course in Calgary). The expanded delivery of the Youth License in Alberta has not, however, been confirmed.

During the first year of PDP competition, the requirement for assistant coaches will be the standard outlined above by Canada Soccer.

NATIONAL YOUTH CLUB LICENSED STAFF

Coaching Requirements

Starting in 2020, Canada Soccer will initiate delivery of its National Youth License to coaches in Alberta. Priority to access the National Youth License courses will be provided to Alberta Licensed Club staff to ensure that they can achieve the required licensing standards for coaching their licensed teams

The National Youth License will be delivered in 5 3-day blocks (Friday-Sunday), with the tentative dates for delivery in Alberta as follows:

- ❑ Block 1: March 27-29 (Calgary)
- ❑ Block 2: July 24-26 (Edmonton)
- ❑ Block 3: September 18-20 or 25-27 (Edmonton)
- ❑ Block 4: March 19-21, 2021 (Calgary)
- ❑ Block 5: April 30-May 2, 2021 (Calgary)

Alberta Soccer is discussing with Canada Soccer the potential delivery of concurrent sessions in Calgary and Edmonton. However, no final decision has been reached. Outdoor PDP competition schedules will be adjusted to ensure that all enrolled coaches can attend the sessions (i.e., adjustment to July 24-26 games in 2020 and April 30-May 2 games in 2021).

Regardless of the technical coaching license requirements, all coaches will be required to enroll and complete in the Making Headway and Making Ethical Decisions courses.

COST AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

Overview of Cost Estimates for Outdoor Player Development Program

The launch of the PDP – Alberta represents a commitment from both the Licensed Clubs as well as Alberta Soccer. And given the higher organizational, sporting, and operational standards that a properly periodized, best-on-best program requires, there are additional costs associated with participation in a Licensed competition.

The financial outline shown in Figure 6 below, represents a high-level summary of the estimated operational costs for Alberta Soccer to implement the PDP – Alberta. These estimates will allow the Licensed Clubs and Alberta Soccer to plan accordingly to ensure the successful and professional implementation of the program.

As with any new league there will be start-up costs. As shown below, we anticipate the initial six months of operating costs will be approximately \$60,000. To assist in offsetting these costs, a one-time initiation fee of \$2,500 will be applied to the Licensed Clubs, and to new entrants to the PDP in future years, until all age groups and genders are filled, after which no further initiation fees will be assessed.

However, as additional teams and registrations are added to the PDP, and as operational delivery costs will remain relatively consistent, there is a very high likelihood that future registration fees will continue to remain stable, with only minor “cost of living” adjustments.

COST AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

Overview of Cost Estimates for Outdoor Player Development Program

Figure 6. Player Development Program (PDP) Cost Estimates

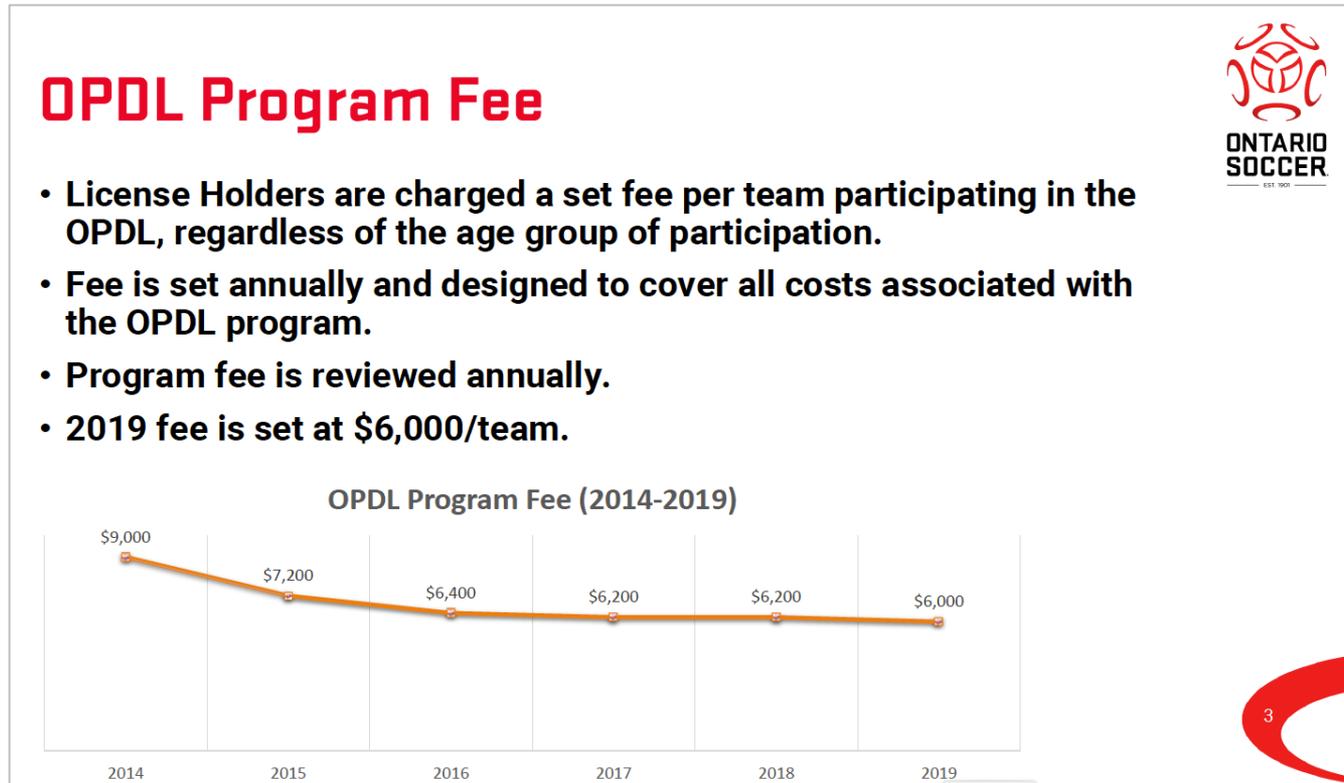
Cost Category	AB Soccer Expense	Club Expense	Estimated Amount
Referees (11v11 - 126 Games)	✓		\$19,404
Referees (9v9 - 60 Games)	✓		\$7,756
Referee Travel and Expenses	✓		\$2,480
League Administration	✓		\$8,000
Alberta Staff Travel Expenses	✓		\$1,250
League Administrator	✓		\$34,424
Field Hosting (Red Deer Showcases - Outdoor)	✓		\$5,120
Field Hosting (Red Deer Showcases - Indoor)	✓		\$2,700
Field Hosting (Calgary, Edmonton)		✓	TBD (Club)
Club Travel		✓	TBD (Club)
TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL EXPENSE			\$81,134
Cost per Licensed Team			\$5,795.29
Club Registration Fees			\$3,500
Club Initiation Fees			\$2,500
Other Potential Expenses:			
AT Expenses (TBD)	TBD	TBD	\$10,080
AT Supplies (TBD)	TBD	TBD	\$1,500

COST AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

Overview of Cost Estimates for Outdoor Player Development Program

For informational purposes, the figure below shows the relative costs of the Ontario Player Development League from its launch in 2016 through the 2019 competition.

Figure 7. OPDL Fee Structure (2016-2019)



SUMMARY

An Important Step Forward...

The introduction of National Youth Club Licensing by Canada Soccer, followed by the roll-out of Provincial Licensing levels by Alberta Soccer in collaboration with local Districts, is an important and progressive step forward for improving our player and coach development environments. And supplementing the organizational requirements of the licenses by implementing a licensed club competition, among the nationally licensed clubs in Alberta, completes the “development picture”.

The Player Development Program will be a periodized program following the best practices of athlete development. In addition, supporting policies and practices related to player intake, scouting, evaluation, feedback, tracking, and pathway progression will be important components to enhance the player development environment and the player experience. And the application of appropriate coaching standards for our licensed clubs will ensure developmentally appropriate (and safe) conditions for all our players.

The success of licensing and the PDP is dependent on a multitude of factors, but perhaps the most important is the cooperation and collaboration among all the stakeholders – from the clubs themselves, the local Districts, Alberta Soccer, Canada Soccer, and the players and their families. This collaboration is critical to ensuring a successful outcome for all our stakeholders and to the long-term success of licensing, the PDP, and, ultimately, our players.

Alberta Soccer looks forward to partnering with all our stakeholders to successfully deliver on these critical initiatives.

APPENDIX A

Detailed Program Development Program Schedules

February 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
					Player Identification/Combine Event (Calgary)		
					Family Day Long Weekend		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
					Player Identification/Combine Event (Edmonton)		
24	25	26	27	28	29	1	
Pre-Season Training							
2	3	Notes					

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March 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
24	25	26	27	28	29	1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Pre-Season Training							
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Pre-Season Training							
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Pre-Season Training							
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Pre-Season Training							
30	31	Notes					

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April 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
30	31	1	2	3	4 Foothills v St. Albert Rangers v S. Park SWU v Scottish	5 St. Albert v Blizzard	
Jamboree Weekend - Red Deer (All Teams)							
6	7	8	9	10	11 Rangers v SWU	12	
				Good Friday	Easter Weekend		
13	14	15 St. Albert v Scottish Foothills v Rangers	16	17	18 S. Park v SWU St. Albert v Rangers	19 Foothills v Scottish	
20	21	22 Blizzard v SWU	23	24	25 Scottish v Rangers S. Park v Foothills	26	
27	28	29 Rangers v Blizzard SWU v Foothills S. Park v St. Albert	30	1	2	3	
4	5	Notes					

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May 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
27	28	29	30	1	2 Blizzard v Foothills SWU v St. Albert Scottish v S. Park	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9 St. Albert v Foothills S. Park v Rangers Scottish v SWU	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Victoria Day Long Weekend							
18	19	20	21	22	23 Blizzard v Stl Albert Scottish v Foothills SWU v Rangers	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30 S. Park v Blizzard Scottish v St. Albert	31	
1	2	Notes					

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June 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
1	2	3 Rangers v Foothills	4	5	6 Blizzard v Scottish SWU v S. Park Rangers v St. Albert	7		
8	9	10 SWU v Blizzard	11	12	13 Rangers v Scottish Foothills v S. Park	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20 Foothills v Blizzard St. Albert v SWU S. Park v Scottish	21 Blizzard v S. Park		
22	23	24 Blizzard v Rangers Foothills v SWU St. Albert v S. Park	25	26	27 Foothills v St. Albert Rangers v S. Park SWU v Scottish	28		
29	30	1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	Notes						

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July 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
29	30	1	2	3	4	5		
Mid-Season Break								
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Mid-Season Break								
13	14	15	16	17	18 St. Albert v Blizzard Foothills v Scottish	19		
20	21	22 Foothills v Rangers St. Albert v Scottish	23	24	25 Blizzard v S. Park SWU v St. Albert	26 Scottish v Blizzard		
27	28	29 Rangers v Blizzard SWU v Foothills	30	31	1	2		
3	4	Notes						

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August 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
							August Long Weekend
3	4	5 Rangers v SWU	6	7	8 Scottish v Blizzard S. Park v SWU St. Albert v Rangers	9	
10	11	12 Blizzard v Foothills Scottish v S. Park	13	14	15 Blizzard v SWU Scottish v Rangers S. Park v Foothills	16 S. Park v St. Albert	
							Jamboree Weekend (All Teams) End of Season
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
							Provincials
District Player Evaluation and Intake and Open Player Movement Period							
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
District Player Evaluation and Intake and Open Player Movement Period							
31	1	Notes					

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September 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
District Player Evaluation and Intake and Open Player Movement Period					Labor Day Long Weekend		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
District Player Evaluation and Intake and Open Player Movement Period							
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases							
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases							
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases							
5	6	Notes					

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<h1>October 2020</h1> <p>OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.</p>						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases						
2	3	Notes				

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November 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases							
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases							
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases							
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
Team Training, Friendlies, Tournaments, Showcases							
30	1	Notes					

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December 2020							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Clubs and Players Off							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Clubs and Players Off							
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Clubs and Players Off							
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Clubs and Players Off							
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
Clubs and Players Off							
4	5	Notes					

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<h1>January 2021</h1> <p>OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.</p>						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Clubs and Players Off						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Clubs and Players Off						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Roothills v Rangers Blizzard v SWU St. Albert v Scottish (S. Park - BYE)
Developmental Training and Competition Begins						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Scottish v S. Park Rangers v Blizzard SWU v Foothills (St. Albert - BYE)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 S. Park v St. Albert Blizzard v Foothills Rangers v SWU (Scottish - BYE) (Scottish - BYE)
1	2	Notes				

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February 2021							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
1	2	3	4	5	6 Foothills v Scottish Rangers v S. Park SWU v St. Albert	7 Blizzard v St. Albert Foothills v S. Park SWU v Scottish	
						Red Deer Joint Weekend	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
						Family Day Long Weekend	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Scottish v St. Albert Rangers v Foothills SWU v Blizzard (S. Park - BYE)	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 S. Park v Scottish Blizzard v Rangers Foothills v SWU (St. Albert - BYE)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	Notes					

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March 2021							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
1	2	3	4	5	6 Blizzard v S. Park Foothills v St. Albert Rangers v Scottish	7 SWU v S. Park Rangers v St. Albert Blizzard v Scottish	
Red Deer Joint Weekend							
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 St. Albert v S. Park Foothills v Blizzard SWU v Rangers (Scottish - BYE)	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Pre-Season Training							
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Pre-Season Training							
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
Pre-Season Training							
5	6	Notes					

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April 2021							OPTION 4 - 18 game compressed schedule to end season by the 3rd week of August to align to District player evaluation timeframes. Periodized schedule into 2021.
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
							Pre-Season Training
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Pre-Season Training					Outdoor Competition Begins		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
3	4	Notes					