



Ottawa Fury FC Awarded OPDL Licence

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Wednesday, September 25, 2013 (Ottawa, ON) – The Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) today announced that Ottawa Fury FC is one of eighteen clubs that have been awarded an Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) licence for a two-year period. In 2014, teams will take to the pitch in the U13 age group. The OPDL will add the U14 age group in 2015, and will continue to add an age group in each successive year.

“The OPDL will not only provide a quality competition, but it will also encourage every Club to invest time and resources in order to put their players in the best possible conditions and help them maximize their potential,” said Fury FC Technical Director Phillip Dos Santos. “The project is ambitious for every Club and we need to realize how important competition is for the development of our young players, but we also know that the daily environment is just as important, therefore, we have also set our own standards. We believe the league will help us to provide our players with a longer period of competition, this is aligned with the plan we have traced for our program.”

Ottawa Fury FC is one of four clubs from Ottawa that received an OPDL licences with West Ottawa Soccer Club, Ottawa South United Soccer Club and Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club rounding out the Ottawa representation.

“We are thrilled to welcome these organizations into the OPDL,” OSA President Ron Smale said. “Through the application process, they have shown commitment to true high performance player development and a desire to be part of a larger movement, led by the Canadian Soccer Association, to support our elite athletes.”

The OPDL members for the inaugural 2014 season are as follows:

- Aurora Youth Soccer Club
- Burlington Youth Soccer Club
- Forest City London
- Glen Shields Futbol Club
- Hamilton United Elite Soccer Club
- Kleinburg Nobleton Soccer Club
- Markham Soccer Club
- Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club





- North Toronto Soccer Club
- Ottawa Fury Soccer Club
- Ottawa South United Soccer Club
- Richmond Hill Soccer Club
- Toronto FC Academy
- Unionville Milliken Soccer Club
- Vaughan Soccer Club
- West Ottawa Soccer Club
- Whitby Iroquois Soccer Club
- Woodbridge Soccer Club

“The OPDL is another important step in the ongoing implementation of Long Term Player Development,” OSA Chief Technical Officer Alex Chiet said. “By creating a standards based league, we are able to focus on the holistic needs of the high performance player. The members of this league share that aligned vision and commitment. The OSA is here to support these organizations in delivering the best opportunities possible to our top provincial players in the hopes that many players will progress to represent Canada on the world stage.”

Programs were evaluated by the OPDL Assessment and Selection Committee on standards based criteria, including technical and organizational capabilities.

“The OPDL selection process enabled us to identify organizations which will excel at delivering high performance opportunities for our best athletes,” OSA Executive Director Lisa Beatty said. “Additionally, we remain committed to working with all of our members to further evolve their programs to continue to expand OPDL in future years.”

While player selection and training will begin shortly, the OPDL competitive season kicks off in April 2014 and will run until November.

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