



ANNUAL REPORT 2014



Building Our Game. Uniting Ontario.



President's Message

2014 was a successful year for the Ontario Soccer Association as a result of the excellent work done by our staff, districts and clubs in providing outstanding programs for players, coaches and match officials of all ages.

From our Long Term Player Development initiative at the earliest ages, to our adult soccer leagues, we offer tremendous opportunities for players, coaches and match officials.

Whether young athletes want to play for fun and fitness or aspire to a future in soccer, we provide programs that make a difference. It all begins with our dedication to grassroots recreational soccer and continues through our talented pathway, which includes two standards-based leagues for both males and females; the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) and League1 Ontario, a semi-professional league for our top players.

Soccer remains the sport played by more people of all ages in Ontario than any other. We strive to constantly make the soccer experience better for everyone involved. Our enhanced coaching and match official development courses have generated widespread interest, with more coaches and officials becoming certified than at any time in our history. Better approaches to coaching and officials in turn help to enrich the environment for developing players.

At the administrative level, we are working toward modernizing our governance structure in an effort to become even more responsive and efficient in the way we deliver soccer.

Having travelled extensively throughout Ontario as President for the past five years to meet with Club leaders, coaches, administrators, players and parents, I can say without hesitation that, through soccer, the OSA touches people in a positive way in every corner of the province.

On behalf of the OSA Board of Directors, staff, our districts, clubs, leagues and the thousands of invaluable volunteers who help make the soccer experience all that it is, my sincere thanks. I invite you to find out more about what we have to offer.

Ron Smale
President

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Who We Are

VISION FOR SOCCER IN ONTARIO BY 2020

Soccer is Ontario's sport of choice,
the game everyone plays.

VALUES FOR SOCCER IN ONTARIO

Player-centred
Enjoyable
Inclusive
Integrity & ethical behaviour
Respect
Community pride

THE MISSION OF THE OSA

The Ontario Soccer Association provides leadership and support for the advancement of soccer in collaboration and cooperation with our membership, partners and other stakeholders by providing exceptional programs and services.

Players: **336,449**
Outdoor

103,558
Indoor

Coaches: 22,670
Referees: 9,995
Administrators: 25,000

472,797
Total Participants

President: Ron Smale
Board of Directors: 21 Directors
Executive Committee: 7 Members

Members: **21** **16**
District Associations Associate Members

THE OSA'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2013 - 2015

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| Strategic Priority 1 | Organizational Stability: A more effective OSA |
| Strategic Priority 2 | Long Term Player Development: LTPD success in Ontario |
| Strategic Priority 3 | Membership Value: A unified soccer family in Ontario |
| Strategic Priority 4 | Programs and Services: Growth in OSA programs, services and membership |



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



The launch of OPDL highlighted 2014. The province's first club standards-based league made its debut in May with the U13 age group. There were 18 license holders who took part in the inaugural season.



League1 Ontario, the provincial Semi-Pro League, kicked off in 2014. Nine teams from Windsor to Kingston took part in the first season. One of its players, **Cyle Larin** (Brampton), was chosen first overall in the MLS Draft by Orlando.





- Another up and coming star from Ontario, **Jessie Fleming** (London), was selected as Canada Soccer's U17 Player of the Year.

Provincial Projects

The Provincial Projects were put in place in 2014, replacing the traditional Provincial Team Model. OSA Technical Staff led three Talent Development Centres for 260 players throughout the outdoor season.



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Grassroots Soccer



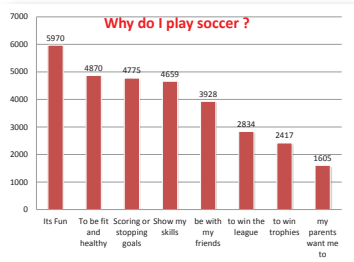
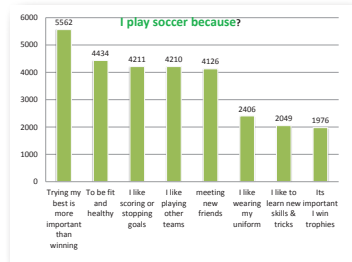
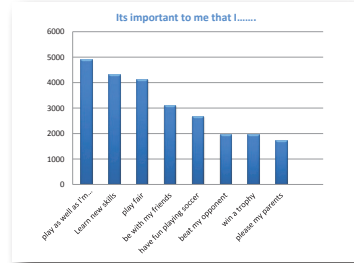
At the Grassroots level the technical staff worked to implement the Retreat Line. Staff traveled across the province to ask kids why they play soccer in creating the Grassroots Survey. The results are drawn from more than 1,000 responses.

What is your least favourite thing about soccer?

My least favourite thing about soccer is stopping us in the middle of a drill.

If you could give your coach, Mom or Dad any soccer advice what would it be?

I would tell my dad less yelling more teaching.



The Canadian Soccer Association announced their Player Pathway at BMO Field and several local clubs were on hand to showcase their Grassroots skills.

COACH DEVELOPMENT



Coach Development expanded its educational offerings in 2014, providing 185 courses delivered around the province.

Coaching Courses in 2014

160 Community courses

20 Pre B

• 3 B Licence

• 1 Goal Keeping

• 1 Futsal



The Female Mentorship Program

The Female Mentorship Program staffed the FIFA Live Your Goals event in Toronto, prior to the U20 Women's World Cup.

The Coaching Conference

The Coaching Conference brought international experts to the Soccer Centre to discuss their experiences and share their knowledge with coaches from around the province.



400 coaches attended the Coaching Conference



REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

The Referee Development Team expanded education and training opportunities for match officials in 2014.

REFEREE COURSES IN 2014

144 Entry Level Courses **103** Small Sided Game Courses

- Regional Upgrade
- Provincial Upgrade
- Assessor Re-Accreditation
- 1 Futsal Refresher
- 4 Futsal Entry Level Courses
- 2 Instructor Accreditation Courses



Two referees from Ontario made their mark on the international stage in 2014.

Carol Anne Chenard (Orleans) served as the Referee for the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Final for the second time. She was appointed as part of an all Canadian crew for the Germany – Nigeria match in Montreal, after having worked as the Referee for the Final in Germany in 2010.



FIFA Assistant Referee **Joe Fletcher** (Niagara Falls) punched his ticket to Brazil in 2014, officiating three matches including France's 1-0 win over Nigeria in the knockout round.

EVENTS



Congratulations to the 2014 Champions in Ontario Cup, Masters-Classics Provincial Champions, Ontario Indoor Cup and Ontario Futsal Cup. Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to all of the event volunteers and hosts.



More than
500
teams took
part in the
Ontario Cup
Competition





EVENTS

NATIONALS

Five Ontario squads won gold at Nationals, two brought home silver and one won Bronze.



2014 National Championships Results

Club

- U14 Girls - Stoney Creek Battalion - Gold Medal
- U14 Boys - North London Elite - Gold Medal
- U16 Girls - Darlington Fusion - Gold Medal
- U16 Boys - West Toronto Cobras '98 - Silver Medal
- U18 Girls - North Mississauga Panthers 97A - Gold Medal
- U18 Boys - Ajax FC 97B Red - Silver Medal
- Women - Scarborough GS United - 6th Place
- Women - Vaughan Azzurri - 8th Place
- Men - London Marconi - Gold Medal
- Men - Vaughan Azzurri - 8th Place

Eastern Masters

- Ottawa Royals OT1 - Bronze Medal

Western Classics

- Ottawa Royals Classics - 5th Place

EVENTS



The OSA hosted the national Masters and Classics competitions in 2014.





CLUB DEVELOPMENT

It was an exciting year for Club Development, including fostering partnerships with FIFA 11+, the Play Safe Initiative, ParaSoccer organizations, and starting a webinar series.



PARASOCCER

The Club Development team partnered on a survey in conjunction with the Canadian Paralympic Committee and gave Clubs a chance to tell us about their accessible soccer programs.

Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Para Pan Am One Year Countdown Event

In keeping with the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Para Pan Am build-up the OSA's Club Development Team welcomed GTA based players to the One Year Countdown event at Nathan Phillips Square and provide the general with a chance to kick around on the iconic Toronto landmark.



Club Excellence Awards

Created in 2007 to encourage the adoption of best practices, the club excellence program continues to grow.

	CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARDS	CLUB EXCELLENCE SILVER	CLUB EXCELLENCE BRONZE
2009	4	5	16
2010	1	3	10
2011	7	9	23
2012	6	16	4
2013	18	23	9
2014	12	10	3

CLUB DEVELOPMENT



Congratulations to the 2014 Club Excellence Award recipients!



CLUB EXCELLENCE GOLD

Ottawa South United SC - Eastern Ontario District S.A.
Oakville SC-Peel Halton S.A.
Georgetown SC -Peel Halton S.A.
North Mississauga SC - Peel Halton S.A.
Unionville-Milliken SC- York Region S.A
Ajax FC- Durham Region S.A
Waterloo Minor SC-South-West Regional S.A
Mount Hamilton Youth SC- Hamilton & District S.A
Byron Optimist SC-Elgin Middlesex S.A
Hamilton Sparta SC-Hamilton & District S.A
Ottawa Gloucester SC-Eastern Ontario & District S.A
Cambridge Youth SC-South-West Regional S.A
West Ottawa SC -Eastern Ontario & District S.A

CLUB EXCELLENCE SILVER

Cataraqui Clippers SC -Southeast Ontario S.A
Darlington SC -Durham Region S.A
Kingston United SC -Southeast Ontario S.A
Maple Leaf Cavan FC -East Central Ontario S.A.
Nepean Hotspurs -Eastern Ontario & District S.A.
Windsor Soccer Club -Essex County S.A
Moordale SC -Toronto S.A
Whitchurch-Stouffville SC - York Region S.A.
Windsor Wheels -Essex County S.A

CLUB EXCELLENCE BRONZE

Milton Youth SC -Peel Halton S.A.
Orillia SC -Huron District S.A.
Belleville SC -Southeast Ontario S.A.



SOCCER CENTRE



The Soccer Centre continued to be a hub of activity for the OSA. Throughout the year it hosted several events, including the U-20 FIFA Women's World Cup Canadian National Team Roster Announcement.

The OSA embarked upon an ambitious plan to redo the outdoor pitch and stadium, as well as replace the indoor turf in 2015. This will allow for enhanced delivery of OSA programs, as well as a partnership with the City of Vaughan to host TFC2 of the USL Pro.



VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to all of the volunteers who contribute countless hours to grow the game of soccer in Ontario.

Centre Circle Award Winners 2014

Each year the OSA presents the Centre Circle Awards. These Meritorious Awards are the OSA's highest recognition and exemplify those who have made an outstanding contribution to the game of soccer in Ontario. The OSA also names a President's Award winner – awarded to a person or organization with years of exemplary service to Ontario's game.

President's Award:

Harold Fortis

Meritorious Service Awards:

**Juergen Belle
Sandy Arrowsmith
Paul Gesse
Bill Millar
Colin Arsenaull
Thunder Bay Women's Soccer Club**

**Martin Aarts
Michael Di Biase
Peter Mele
Patty Peebles
Ajax United Soccer Club**





CANADIAN SOCCER HALL OF FAME



The Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame brought in a diverse class rich in history in the sport.

TEAM OF DISTINCTION: The **2000 Men's National Team**, which captured the CONCACAF Gold Cup.



PIONEER: **Harry Manson** (family above) who had a tremendous impact on the First Nations in the late 1800s. Known as Xul-si-malt (One-who-leaves-his-mark), he led his team from Nanaimo to the first B.C. provincial championship to ever be won by Indigenous players.

CANADIAN SOCCER HALL OF FAME



PLAYERS: Isabelle Morneau and Geri Donnelly, two Canadian women's national team players. Carmine Marcantonio, a member of the famed Metros-Croatia team that won the NASL champions in 1976.

BUILDERS: Chris Bennett and Hector Vergara.

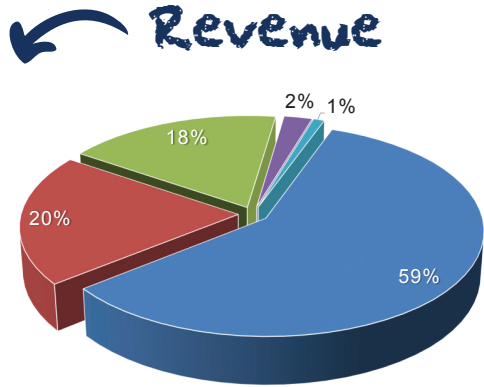


Organizations of Distinction: The **Edmonton Angels**, which won the Jubilee Trophy nine times. The Robbie Tournament, which has helped produce national team players like Dwayne De Rosario, Diana Matheson and Jonelle Filigno.

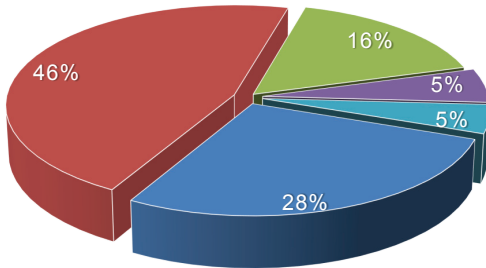


FINANCIALS

- Registration and Reporting Fees (59%) \$6,647,332.43
- Programs (20%) \$2,290,480.00
- Soccer Centre (18%) \$2,016,453.00
- Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (2%) \$265,746.00
- Sponsorships (1%) \$103,876.00



Expenditure



- Canadian Soccer Association levy (28%) \$3,192,942.00
- Programs (46%) \$5,342,329.00
- Soccer Centre (16%) \$1,897,574.00
- Insurance (5%) \$638,002.00
- Administration (5%) \$533,574.00

2014 Was An Exciting Year!

Toronto played host to the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. As part of the event, the OSA hosted Live Your Goals to help involve more girls in the sport of soccer and was part of a FIFA Women's Football Workshop.

The GTA welcomed the FIFA World Cup Trophy prior to the tournament in Brazil.



COMMUNICATIONS

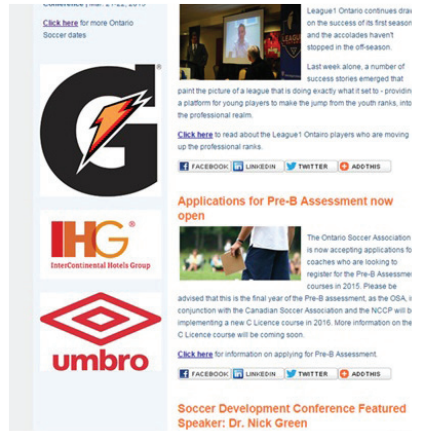


OSA Communications upped their game in 2014, launching a new website, the OSA Update weekly newsletter and livestreaming of Ontario Cup and League 1 Ontario Games.

 4,161 Followers

1,957 Likes 

 73,880 Views




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