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CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

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Subject: Niagara Falls SC becomes the 30th OPDL License Holder in Ontario

Ontario Soccer's Player Development Program has announced that Niagara Fall SC will join the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) for 2021 and 2022.

After a comprehensive review process that started in 2019, the Board of Directors of Ontario Soccer recently approved the Niagara Falls SC OPDL application.

They will join 29 other license holders in Ontario, made up of Clubs and Academies, from around the province, which support the advancement of athletes along Ontario Soccer's Talented Pathway.

In support to their OPDL application, Niagara Falls SC has formed formal affiliations with Lincoln SC, Fort Erie SC, Niagara-on-the-Lake SC and the St. Catharines Jets to support the OPDL program in the region.

In addition to formal affiliations, Niagara Falls SC has also established a working relationship with Welland SC and Niagara Falls United, the other two largest clubs in the District. Together they have aligned programming for the development of grassroots players.

Launched in 2014 with the 2001 age group, the OPDL is the province's premier standards-based, youth high performance program and league that combines top-level competition with strict high performance training standards.

This innovative high performance program is an important component of the overall movement to adopt the core principles of Long Term Player Development (LTPD) across soccer at large in Ontario and Canada.

Visit Opdl.ca for more information.



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