



PICKERING FOOTBALL CLUB

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Member, Support and Stakeholder,

For those of you who are new to Pickering FC, welcome! We know that during the 'Try Us Out' process a number of new players have joined the Club and we are excited to have you join the PFC Family.

While our Indoor programs all kicked off in the past 2 weeks, we will be full to capacity inside the Pickering Soccer Centre as our OPDL players come in from the cold and commence their annual program.

Please keep in mind the safety of yourself and other users as you enter and leave the building. Our parking lot is well lit but we still demand of you that the front curb is not used as a kiss-and-ride, and to also drive slowly for everyone's safety.

While in the Pickering Soccer Centre please follow the directions of our Facility Staff - abuse of staff or ignoring their instructions. Extreme situations may need to be escalated to the police or a Trespass Notice issued. We want everyone to enjoy participating or spectating in the facility and while we know it can get busy there is no excuse for abusive or threatening behaviour.

Finally, we are extremely happy to share with you that our PFC Staff roster has now been filled with the hiring of Mario Russo, Marketing and Communications Coordinator, and Rich Hirst, Manager, High Performance. You will see both gentlemen around the facility daily and encourage you to connect with them.

In 2024 the PFC Board recognized the Club needed to better serve our Membership and that could only come with the restructure of current roles, and the addition of staff. In future newsletters we will focus on these changes and the exciting times ahead for **YOUR PFC!**

October 2025

- **NEW** Rich Hirst Profile
- 2025: A Summer of Success
- **NEW** The DFO Dispatch
- Winter Festival 2025 Registration
- PFC Women's Blind Soccer Recap
- Grassroots, Competitive, Super 7
- **And More...**



**WINTER REGISTRATION
OPENING SOON! SEASON
RUNS FEB 1 - APR 25**

SCAN





CHAMPIONS

PDP U-17 CUP



COUPE
U-17
CUP

CHAMPIONS

PICKERING FC

U17 (2008) GIRLS OPDL



SUMMER OF SUCCESS

3



U15 (2010) Girls



OPDL DIVISION CHAMPS

2



TRILLIUM DIVISION
FINALIST

3

GARY MILLER SHIELD FINAL 4
APPEARANCES



U14 (2011) Boys



6

OPDL TOP-5 TABLE
FINISHERS

NEW

RICH HIRST

MANAGER, HIGH PERFORMANCE



Profile

The Pickering Football Club are proud to appoint Rich Hirst as the club's new Manager, High Performance. Effective October 28, 2025, Rich will carry over duties from our previous Manager, Barry Donnelly, and look to leverage his 34 years of experience at Ontario's developmental summit to help foster a successful culture within PFC's High Performance programs.

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I'M HERE TO GIVE PLAYERS EXPERIENCES THEY'RE LOOKING FOR AND HELP THEM BECOME BETTER HUMAN BEINGS. ”

Rich began his coaching tenure at 18 and his approach to player development has been centred around individually growing athletes ever since. Having spent his four years prior to joining PFC as the head coach of the Centennial Colts' women's soccer program, Rich is passionate about creating collegiate pathways for his players and has the necessary experience to help fuel his vigour to do so.



RICH HIRST

CAREER

1992 - 1994

A native of Oshawa himself, Rich kicked off his coaching tenure as a Volunteer Coach for Oshawa

1995 - 1999

Rich continued to excel and evolve at Oshawa, continuing his role as an Assistant Coach for the Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club

2000 - 2009

Rich took his leadership to Ajax United Soccer Club and worked nine years as a Volunteer Coach

2010

Rich continued his tenure in the region as a Technical Director at Durham Region Soccer Association

2011 - 12

Once again staying within the Durham region, Rich took his talents to Ajax Football Club as the director of Coaching for their Girls programs

2013 - 2023

Rich grew the club from eight players to 300 as the Co-Owner/Director of Technical & Business Operations at FC Durham Academy

2021 - 2025

Rich took over Head Coaching duties for the Centennial Colts' women's soccer program

The DFO Dispatch



With Frankie Mohammed

It's a true privilege to step into this role and join the PFC family. I see a club rich in tradition, driven by passion, and full of untapped potential. My mission is simple; to serve, to inspire, and to help elevate every player, coach, and supporter who calls PFC home. Together, we'll build something lasting, a culture of excellence, unity, and purpose that reaches beyond the pitch. Stay tuned, this is just the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our club.



Frankie

*Tune into our
newsletter
every month
to hear from
our DFO!*



PICKERING FC WOMEN EARN RESPECT



In September, we told you about the Pickering FC players from our blind soccer program who were chosen to represent Canada on the world stage.

From October 5-11th they competed with the world's top teams at the 2nd IBSA Women's World Championships in Kochi, India. Drawn into the 'group of death' they faced Argentina (L 5-0) and Japan (L 5-0) before a tense game against Turkey (L 1-0) that saw Team Canada advance to face Poland in a 7th place play-off. After earning our first draw in regulation time (0-0) we lost in a penalty shoot-out under searing 35-degree heat.

What made the tournament most special was being awarded the Fair Play Award which spoke volumes to the grit and determination this team showed against established national programs that have all been running for at least 3 years. It also reflected the positive, engaging way that the team carried themselves while off the field and this was noticed by organisers, match officials and teams alike.



GRASSROOTS AND COMP. UNDERWAY



OCT. 2025 - APR. 2026

- **INDOORS AT PSC**
- **U8 - U13 GRASSROOTS**
- **U14 - ADULT COMPETITIVE**

GOOD LUCK!

SUPER 7'S

IS ON



SATURDAYS
(ENDS DEC. 13)



9:30 - 10:30
A.M



PSC



\$200

FUN, ENGAGING SESSIONS
THAT BUILD SKILLS AND
CONFIDENCE, READYING
PLAYERS FOR U8
COMPETITION



Winter Festival 2025

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 4
PICKERING SOCCER CENTRE
1975 Clements Rd.



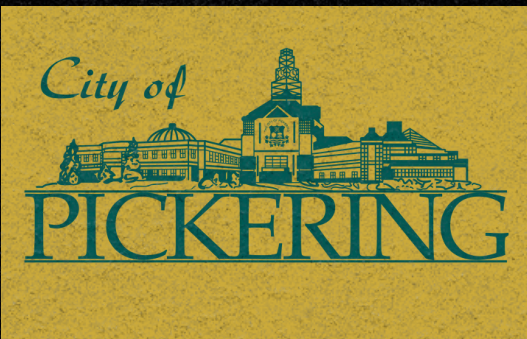
U8 - U16

2 GAMES +

5V5 - 11V11 FORMAT

STARTING AT \$255

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

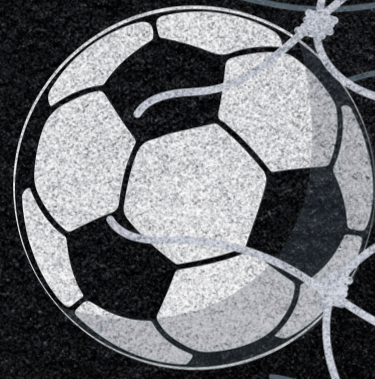


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BUDGET PRIORITIES TO
HELP MAKE A BETTER
PICKERING!**

[CLICK HERE!](#)

PARTY BOOKING NOTICE

Due to the field being fully booked, we are unable to accommodate soccer Birthday Parties on our turf field from mid-October 2025 to mid-April 2026. Limited options available for volleyball & Futsal parties.



Send Inquiries to psc.admin@pickeringfc.ca

VOLLEYBALL POSTS

FOR SALE



3 SETS OF POSTS + NET

\$150 EACH

1 POST (NO NET)

\$100

EMAIL INQUIRIES TO
[PSC.ADMIN@PICKERING
FC.CA](mailto:PSC.ADMIN@PICKERINGFC.CA)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PFC ALL ABILITIES INDOOR 2025



EARN YOUR COMMUNITY HOURS

The Pickering Football Club's All Abilities Program (PFC AA) is one of Ontario's largest and longest-running soccer programs designed specifically for athletes living with special needs. From age 5+, we strive to offer athletes of all abilities the opportunity to engage in sport, have fun, and make friends. With PFC AA, you will have the opportunity to develop your leadership skills, give back to the community, and make meaningful connections. Come make a difference with us!

SESSIONS: TBD - more details to come



YOU WILL:

Work 1-on-1 with athletes in games/drills with assistance from staff coaches (SOCCER EXPERIENCE IS NOT REQUIRED!)

Demonstrate and help athletes learn soccer skills, make friends and HAVE FUN!

Help set up and take down equipment and assist the coaches through the session

**INTERESTED? CONTACT US AT
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Support minor sports in your Community and get your business recognized!
Book by June 15th and receive a **\$50 gift card** to a local restaurant!



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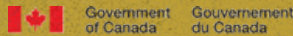
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