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To: Ontario Soccer, District Membership and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Ontario Soccer Staff
From: Matt Ferreira, Director of Development
Subject: 2024 Provincial Xcel U16 & U17 Provincial Screening Showcase

Ontario Soccer is excited to announce that the Provincial Xcel Program has entered into an agreement with First Touch Football (FTF) Canada to collaborate and enhance the Provincial Screening Competition (PSC) at the Under-16 and Under-17 age groups.

FTF is a digital sports media and events company that focuses on delivering different levels of exposure and opportunities to Canadian soccer players across the country. With extensive experience in the delivery of quality showcases across the country, FTF has successfully developed a vast network of post-secondary Coaches in Canada and the United States. For more information, please visit their website here: <https://www.ftfcanada.ca/>

Ontario Soccer's engagement with FTF Canada will see more Canadian and American University/College Coaches attend the event to detect players and directly support the expansion of our membership's networks for player promotion. This was an identified need as the majority of our growing player community within the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) has expressed a goal of pursuing post-secondary playing opportunities (>75%).

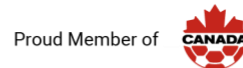
While Canada Soccer's National Excel program, Professional Club Academy staff, and several University/College Coaches have previously and will continue to attend Provincial Xcel events, this collaboration will further enhance the exposure of talented Ontario-based players to next-level environments through the PSC.

What is the Provincial Screening Competition?

The PSC is an event where players, born 2007 to 2010, detected from the OPDL as well as those players recommended through the Talent on Location Day (ToLD) process are invited to compete and be assessed by Provincial Xcel Staff. The Provincial Team is currently selected from the players that



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were identified at the PSC using a blended approach of live assessment, video capture, and use of in-game statistics.

The confirmed dates in 2024 for each age group are as follows:

- March 2nd – U16/17 Girls PSC Showcase – Day 1
- March 3rd – U16/17 Girls PSC Showcase – Day 2
- March 9th – U16/17 Boys PSC Showcase – Day 1
- March 10th – U16/17 Boys PSC Showcase – Day 2
- March 23rd – U14B PSC
- March 24th – U15B PSC
- April 6th – U14G PSC
- April 7th – U15G PSC

The PSC will take place at the Ontario Soccer Centre, (7601 Martin Grove Road, Vaughan L4L 9E4) on the full-size indoor turf field and another location that will be announced at a later date. More information, inclusive of the registration process, will be shared with invited players.

Talent on Location Days

While the OPDL is the primary avenue for players to be detected into the PSC, those that are currently participating outside the Talented Player Pathway (not in OPDL or League1) can be recommended by qualified staff by participating in the Talent on Location Days (ToLD) program. This will involve the recommending individual/Coach to submit information on their own qualifications, details on the player(s) being recommended, a [technical assessment](#) for each player, full match footage to be analyzed by a third-party service provider, and an administrative fee.

To learn more about the full process and the detailed requirements, please refer to [Information Bulletin I2023-026](#) or visit our [website here](#). The recommending individual/Coach is to submit the completed online package by, or before, the now extended closing date of **November 29th, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.** by [clicking here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the PSC or ToLD, please contact David Miguel, Coordinator, OPDL & Provincial Xcel (dmiguel@ontariosoccer.net).

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