

SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INC.



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NEW PROGRAM COORDINATOR (SOCCER) – OCTAVIAN ILIUTA

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Event: Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Octavian Iliuta to the position of Program Coordinator effective July 20th 2009.

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. has recently completed its organizational review and new staffing structure. The duties of the Referee Assignor position will be shifted over to the Saskatoon Adult Soccer organization starting August 1st, 2009, making room for the creation of a new “Program Coordinator” position with Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. Steven DeLong, who has been employed with us for the past two years as Referee Assignor & Administrative Assistant will be leaving the organization at the end of July and returning to school in the fall and we would like to wish him all the best of luck in his future career!

We are pleased to announce our newest staff member, Octavian Iliuta, who has recently filled the new position of Program Coordinator. Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Program Coordinator is responsible for the development and management of all participant programs for Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI). The Program Coordinator will work with the other staff and key volunteers to ensure the effective operation of leagues, tournaments and competitions for the members. The Program Coordinator is responsible for the overall technical development of the sport for the membership, working in partnership with the Zones and the Saskatchewan Soccer Association.

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc is excited to have Octavian join our team, as he will play an integral part of liaising SYSI with teams, community coordinators, zone contacts, athletes, parents, referees and volunteers. It is through this position that Octavian will work directly with the Program Coordination Committee and it's sub-committees as well as the Coach and Player Development Committee in order to further develop the annual program plan for the development of coaches and athletes while ensuring alignment of the technical programs with CSA Long Term Player Development Framework and other programs of the SSA.

Octavian joins Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc after working as the Youth Operations Football (Soccer) Coordinator & Soccer Coach at Brasovia Football Club in Romania. In this role, Octavian was responsible with planning, implementing, delivery, management and administration of the youth soccer programs within the Brasov area. He conducted conference calls, training sessions, and meetings with regional coaches at youth level and assisted in the organization of local and regional soccer tournaments for youth aged 6-17 as well as summer minicamps. Octavian was overall responsible with coordinating the continuous flow and development of the youth football (soccer) phenomenon through permanent advertisement and a year round system of competitions. During 1986 - 2001 Octavian has also played soccer at youth, semipro and pro level in his home town Brasov, Romania.

Before this employment, Octavian was employed as a Sports Manager with Royal Caribbean International. He managed the Sports & Fitness (Vitality) Program, prepared and coordinated sports activities, tournaments, and Vitality health orientated program including budgeting for it. His employment with Royal Caribbean gave Octavian the opportunity to gain an in-depth knowledge of characteristics of the sports phenomenon in North America (outside Romania), learning the values and responsibilities as a manager as well as learning about various cultural norms in strict correlation with sports and soccer in particular.

In addition to this employment experience, Octavian joins our team with a strong academic background; He has a Bachelor in Physical Education and Sports, Soccer Coaching Degree from University of Transilvania, Brasov, Romania as well as a string of certifications like "Building Great Teams", "Coaching to Improve Performance", "Collaborative Problem Solving", "Business Effectiveness Developing Leaders" just to name a few. He firmly believes that "There is nothing impossible. Teamwork is the foundation for success. We can only succeed if we ALL work together towards reaching our ultimate common goal: Making Soccer the number one participatory sport in the community".

Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc would like to welcome Octavian to our organization and we encourage the members to contact him and introduce themselves. Octavian has a huge love for soccer, passion and enthusiasm and a great knowledge gained as a player and coach in Romania. He moved to Saskatoon to join the love of his life, his wife Rebecca, who was born and raised in Naicam, Saskatchewan. Octavian's office will be located in the Sasktel Sports Center; 150 Nelson Road located in Saskatoon, his directed telephone line will be 306-975-3414. Octavian will be reachable soon through email at sysi.pc@sasktel.net

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