



Club Head Coach Report

AGM November 2006

1. General

This past year, the year of Germany '06, was another exciting year for the many youngsters involved with the various programs provided by WISC.

In 2006, WISC continued its affiliation with Glasgow Rangers FC, providing technical instruction for both players and coaches via two very successful Player Camps and two Coaching Clinics. The Rangers Camps were moved to May to provide for pre-season training and to allow the Rangers Coaches to be apart of the Competitive Team's Opening Day. I recommend this timeline continues for 2007. Additional Player Development Programs included winter sessions at Soccer City, Mini Camps (1 v 1 Defending & Crossing/Finishing) and Summer Camps were again available during the month of July.

I am pleased that the Board is entertaining and moving forward with my initially proposed Plan February 2006 to add Technical Staff, adding two Staff in each of the next 5 years, to hopefully begin in March of 2007 with two Staff to work specifically with U7's and U8's, Coaches and Players of all levels. If I use the analogy, that "the CHC classroom has 6000 students, including players and coaches", this is a very difficult working ratio. Additional technical staff will serve to improve the availability of technical instruction and one on one availability.

Coaching Development remains a top priority for the 600+ Coach and assistant Coaches of WISC. WISC again hosted OSA Coaching Certification Clinics in the spring of 2006. Coaching consultation is continuous via email, phone, in person.

This year saw 8 Competitive teams take part in the Ontario Cup, the largest single competition in Canada. The u13 Girls(1993) reached the quarter finals.

A Survey of Competitive Teams allowed for input to better serve the members of WISC. In the future, I feel it would be beneficial that a Survey be distributed to all levels of Coaches within the Club.

2006 saw some "older, experienced players" assisting with the younger age groups. This "in house mentoring" needs to continue to be encouraged.

Oct 2006 saw the OSA adopt a new Pyramid of Play to be implemented beginning with 2007 outdoor season.

Liaison with the CSA and OSA continues, and provides valuable information for me to pass along to WISC Coaches.

2. House League

This year saw four on field technical sessions scheduled for the HL volunteer coaches of WISC, broken into 5 age groups. The first session was held simultaneously with the Rangers Player Development Camps. Attendance was limited after the first sessions. I feel with increased awareness, this program has room for improvement.

Monthly classroom technical sessions were also added to the HL program, allowing for open discussion of technical, tactical, administrative and methodology discussions. These included video teachings and tactics Board methodologies. These were again broken down into 5 age specific groups and scheduled monthly. I feel this was time very well spent, though attendance was again limited after the first sessions. Again, with increased awareness, this program has room for improvement. Scheduling is a challenge for this program.

Joint age group practices were implemented in 2006 via suggestions from some age group coaches, where player practice attendance was poor for some teams. For these teams this was beneficial and this should be encouraged to continue in 2007.



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3. All Star

2006 saw an increase in the All Star program, providing more opportunity for players to reach various levels of the WISC Pyramid of Play. For the second year, the Club offered a U7 All Star program beginning in June of 2006, fielding two teams both for boys and two for girls. Seven other age group All Star teams were also fielded.

4. Competitive Teams

This year saw WISC field 42 Competitive Teams; 2007 should see 52 teams, with an unprecedented 4 teams in the 96 Boys(Under 11) Age group. This year's Tryout structure provided more access for the CHC and CHGK Coach to all Competitive teams and culminated with Offers to Play given to players. Of note is that, U8 through U10 teams are limited to a maximum roster size of 12.

The Competitive Teams program began the season with the Second annual Opening Day held at the Rossland Fields. The outdoor program ended with an inaugural Competitive Team's Recognition Night.

This year saw three on field technical sessions, broken into 4 age groups. The themes being ball mastery, aspects of individual and team defense, flat Back Line play and various offensive aspects, all age/ability specific. Various players of differing age groups were used to teach for these coaching development sessions during April and May. These sessions also allowed for WISC coaches to "rub shoulders with each other" and share common issues.

Monthly classroom technical sessions continued throughout 2006 during which there is always a technical component and these meetings also serve to allow coaches to discuss common concerns. These included video teachings and tactics Board methodologies.

Weekly Summaries and Year End Summaries were again apart of the Competitive Teams program.

5. Conclusion

I am delighted at the discussions and decisions to date regarding a Club owned and operated indoor facility. I will continue to recommend that the Rossland site be the optimum location for this Facility. I will also continue to recommend that WISC find avenues to build artificial turf pitches.

I continue to enjoy working with colleagues Gord Arrowsmith and Paul Nesbitt, who both bring a high technical standard to the members of WISC.

My thanks to WISC and its many hard working and dedicated volunteer Board members for their support in having me as your Club Head Coach and look forward to another year.

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