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To the UISA Board and UISA Clubs

The Van Isle Wave program is now up and running with great success! We are looking very forward to a successful campaign running the program on behalf of the Lower Island Soccer Association and would like to be able to draw in as many players from UISA as we possibly can given the geographical barrier. With this in mind, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Expression of interest from UISA players
- Recruiting UISA players
- Trials for UISA based players

The Van Isle Wave Program commenced training the week of Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and all or most teams have rosters that are 85% complete. We have been receiving requests from UISA players and parents to gain exposure to the Van Isle Wave Program, and we have also been receiving requests from Van Isle Wave Coaches to access UISA based players.

1. Expression of Interest from UISA based players: when a player is interested in the Van Isle Wave Program they must communicate with their respective club technical director. The club technical director will then communicate with the Van Isle Wave Technical Director regarding the player. There will be an open discussion about the abilities of the player to determine if they are at the right calibre to mix-in with the Van Isle Wave Program.
2. Recruiting Players from UISA: the Van Isle Wave Coaching staff will communicate with James Merriman on behalf of the individual team about the need for UISA based players and communicate directly with the respective club technical director about the intended players. Once this flow of communication has been established the player can then be invited into the respective Van Isle Wave Program.

In the event any player and/or parent tries to communicate directly with any of the Van Isle Wave Program administration and/or coaching staff on their own they will kindly be directed back to their club technical director. With respect to the situation regarding the VIPL Storm and VIPL Riptide Programs, the flow of communication regarding either an expression of interest and/or player recruitment will be as followed

1. For the current calendar year ending December 31, 2020 the VIPL Storm and/or VIPL Riptide player must default back to the respective club from which the player's registration is being paid to have the technical director communicate with the Van Isle Wave Technical Director.
2. For the For the current calendar year ending December 31, 2020 the VIPL Storm and/or VIPL Riptide former Technical Director's Larry Stefanik and Shel Brodsgaard can be consulted by the Van isle Wave Technical Director as they had contact with the players earlier in the past season pre-covid.

Importantly, we are in the midst of arranging training based out of Nanaimo for the UISA based Van Isle Wave Players. Once we have this training schedule confirmed we will be able to use this as a vehicle for providing further opportunities for UISA based players to gain exposure to the Van Isle Wave Program.

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