



Information Bulletin

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA and Associate Members

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Key Staffing Announcement

I am writing to inform the Ontario Soccer membership that **Gabriel Assis**, Senior Manager, Coach Education, Player Development & Club Licensing as well as one of our project leads on our COVID-19 Return to Play initiatives, will be leaving Ontario Soccer effective April 1, 2021.

Gabriel has been with Ontario Soccer since 2013 and has worked his way up to his current role as Senior Manager leading our player development program. This role included the Ontario Player Development League, National Club Licensing, Grassroots development and more recently, Coaching. Needless to say, "Gabe" has had a profound impact on soccer in Ontario over the past seven years. We wish Gabe and his family all the best in his new role with BC Soccer as their Director of Operations.

With the announcement of the departure of Gabriel Assis, I am also announcing the return of **Matthew Ferreira** to Ontario Soccer. Effective April 1, on a contract basis during this transition, Matthew will assume the role of Manager, Coach Education, Player Development and Club Licensing. Matthew worked with Ontario Soccer since 2017 however; due to the global pandemic, he was furloughed last summer. Matthew returns to Ontario Soccer with experience in technical operations including Coaching, the OPDL and Club Licensing.

We thank Gabe for his years of service to soccer in Ontario. We are proud of his growth and development into a quality soccer leader. We wish Gabe all the best with our friends at BC Soccer and pleased to know that he will remain within the soccer family.

Matthew may be reached at <u>mferreira@ontariosoccer.net</u> effective April 1.

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