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The Player Progression Academy Announces Fall 2021 Programming

The Player Progression Academy (PPA) announces its Fall programming options which include development and premier-level soccer and basketball. PPA is expecting the impact of COVID-19 on youth sports to be minimal in the Fall, and has planned to resume pre-pandemic soccer and basketball. Should anything change, the club is confident in their ability to make modifications that focus on running safe, yet engaging programming.

“We have been the safe place to play sports for the last year. We prioritized safety during the pandemic, and had to adjust programming accordingly,” PPA President and CEO, Michael Worden said. “We’re finally at a place where we are confident that the upcoming Fall season will be back to where we were two Fall’s ago. Teams can plan to have full rosters and play full sized games on quality fields and courts. This means more friends and a better training experience, which ultimately equals more enjoyment while playing the sports we love.”

PPA’s development program is designed to provide a high quality practice and game experience with a PPA trained coach, no parent volunteers needed. PPA also works with development teams to coordinate local, convenient practices with friends. This Fall, PPA’s development soccer and basketball options include leagues for players in kindergarten through eighth grade. The season will start on September 13 and run through November 14. Registration for the Fall 2021 season will open on Monday, June 14 for returning players. Returning players are guaranteed a place on their Fall team if they register by Sunday, June 20. Registration will close on Friday, August 20.

In the Fall, PPA’s premier program will start a new annual cycle. Both soccer and basketball programs are focused on competing at the highest level, and have added new benefits in order to achieve those goals in the 2021-2022 year.

“We are coming off two Maryland State Cup final wins! Both our 2009 girls and boys teams beat Bethesda in the finals and are heading to the Eastern Regional Championship at the end of June,” Premier Soccer Director, Annie Worden, said. “There’s so much to look forward to this

upcoming year on the Premier Soccer side. We're adding game recording technology, additional tournaments, and more off-season programming. We're looking to build on these State Cup wins so at this time next year, we'll be celebrating a lot more than two teams winning the finals."

The Premier Hoops 6th green boys team most recently won the Charm City East Coast Showdown Championship, their first tournament in over a year. Michael McClain, Premier Hoops Director and Coach, said "There's obviously been a lot of restrictions on basketball as a sport due to COVID, but it was exciting to see that we're still competitive. We plan to build on this momentum in the next year with a great returning group and some new talent."

PPA continues to closely monitor developments surrounding the coronavirus and its impact on fall programmatic offerings. The health and safety of the PPA community is our highest priority. PPA is continuing to follow the CDC, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and county and state health authorities on responding to the virus.

About the Player Progression Academy (PPA)

The Player Progression Academy (PPA) is a multi-sport youth academy located in the Washington, D.C. metro area with programs for children ages 2-18 years old. PPA's mission is to build a base of fundamental skills necessary for a positive and successful athletic experience, and to translate those experiences into real life lessons that reinforce our values. Learn more at www.ppateam.com.