

ANB Futbol and Oak Ridges Soccer Club are pleased to announce an historic alliance between the two neighbouring soccer organizations.

The first of its kind in the York Region soccer community, a partnership will be formed between a private soccer academy and a non-profit area club whereby both will work together in providing the best environment for soccer development of young athletes. Each organization will continue to work individually in their operations, but will share best practices in the following areas:

- 1. League 1 Ontario Men & League 1 Ontario Women teams
- 2. Technical development of players and coaches
- 3. Administrative procedures
- 4. Facilities

Specific details are still being formulated between the two entities, but leaders of each are ecstatic to be working together considering the proximity of their operations.

"I am proud to see the soccer community coming together for the betterment of the game and provide an opportunity for the elite soccer player to succeed in York Region. Each group can benefit from each other so that the level of soccer can slowly become closer to the international game. I cannot wait to settle the details in the coming weeks," says ANB Futbol Academy Director Bassam Naim.

The shared technical and player development resources between Oak Ridges SC and ANB Futbol will allow each to share expertise and create a more responsive, a more unique and a more engaging programs for all players. This partnership is a winner which will create the framework for the development of even more elite athletes that are able to compete on the world stage.

"The Oak Ridges Soccer Club is once again proud to be at the forefront of soccer development in Ontario by entering into this unique alliance with an elite Soccer Academy, ANB Futbol. This alliance creates a clear player development pathway for our elite players; one that will provide the access and opportunities needed to reach the highest level of the game in Canada and abroad. Through this alliance these elite players can now achieve their soccer dreams without ever leaving or losing touch with their community club," says ORSC President, Tony Barbieri.

Both organizations look forward to begin the alliance and see the next generation of world class players develop, together.

Further information of the alliance will be announced shortly.

About ANB Futbol

ANB Futbol vision is to become Canada's leading soccer development organization. Its mission is to identify Canadian soccer talent, and to maximize the potential of players at any level, through professional coaching and training.

For more information on the programs offered by ANB academy, please refer to its website site at <u>www.anbfutbol.com</u> or by telephone at 905-313-8661 or via e-mail at <u>info@anbfutbol.com</u>

About Oak Ridges Soccer Club

The Oak Ridges S.C. is a not for profit community club founded in 2005 with the strategic mission to promote and develop the game of soccer within York Region. With nearly 2000 members the Oak Ridges S.C. provides opportunities for players all of ages and ability to enjoy the game at the recreational, competitive and elite level. By providing these opportunities the Oak Ridges S.C. helps individuals develop their character as resourceful and responsible members of the Oak Ridges Community.

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