

November 12, 2020

Dear Greater Sudbury Soccer Club (GSSC) Families:

As you know, over the past two months we have been working with the City of Greater Sudbury, the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB), and private organizations in order to secure enough indoor space to offer soccer to all of our athletes. While we are thrilled to begin winter programming for our competitive soccer teams (ages 13 and up), with the help of private facility rentals, specifically the YMCA, our grassroots programming (ages 12 and under) is at a standstill, due to a lack of additional gym space in the city.



To date, the board has not been offered any of the city's fourteen ice pads.

Late last week we were offered three small city run gyms located in the communities of Falconbridge, Capreol, and Minnow Lake. None of these locations are large enough to run grassroots programming safely and effectively.

We are hopeful that the new year will bring the possibility of a return to the community use of school board owned facilities, which would mean GSSC could return to the indoor sports bubble (which is owned by RDSB).

We recognize this break in play over November and December is unfair to so many of our 750 soccer athletes. As we wait for more information on the bubble's use, we encourage you to continue the conversation that we have started by advocating on behalf of the GSSC and all of our players by contacting the mayor and your ward councillor directly.

Our goal is to show the city how many dedicated soccer families we have within our club and the region. The more support we show for soccer the more likely we are to obtain a proper facility come the new year, especially if the bubble is still unavailable as we enter 2021.

At GSSC we recognize the power of the club is with our dedicated soccer families. To get a soccer facility offered for everyone in 2021 we want to put the power to do so with you. We encourage all of you to reach out to your councillor and express your desire to play soccer in 2021, whether that be in a hockey arena or in an available gym space within the city. You can find all of the ward councillor contact information below and we strongly encourage you to reach out and express your desire to play!

With your support, we can obtain a soccer facility for 2021, and get back on the pitch!

Yours in Soccer,

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