

KEY NOTE SPEAKER

TOPIC: CANADA SOCCER DEVELOPMENT

Jason will present an in-depth examination of the state of our game in Canada, the programs, structure, the stakeholders and their impact. The Long Term Player Development vision is aimed at creating a system of player and coach development which is unique to Canada that allows each participant to fulfill his or her dream within the game of soccer. Encouraging a player first mentality, Jason explains that programs should be for as many players as possible, so they can play as long as possible in the best environments as possible particularly at the youngest ages. Surrounding players with educated coaches we can begin to apply best practices and develop systems that reflect the landscape and realities in Canada. Some of these developments include the implementation of an enhanced coach education program introducing a new Childrens and Youth license awards aimed at putting the players needs first.

PRESENTED BY:



JASON DE VOS

Director of Development, Canada Soccer

Former Canadian international Jason de Vos has been named Canada Soccer's director of development. In the newly created role, de Vos will be responsible for the overall management, direction and development of coaching and grassroots development programs across Canada.

Canada Soccer's primary focus between this year and 2018 will be investment in technical leadership and de Vos, 43, is a product of Canada's development system and a decorated Canadian international and professional player. With nearly 20 years of experience as a player, including stints as captain of the Canadian national team, Dundee United, Wigan Athletic and Ipswich Town FC, the defender also spent time with the MLS Montreal Impact.

