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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure of mine to always give a summary of last year's activities. It would not have been possible to recover so strongly from the pandemic without the help of many people. Firstly, I thank God for making this program possible for Akron children. Thanks to the parents and players ranging from 5-18 years old. Thanks to the volunteer coaches and thanks to our sponsors.

Last year the program served over 700 diverse populations of players. We registered seven teams both in the spring and fall and as always, many of the teams were champions. The academic report from Summit Education Initiative (SEI) was encouraging as our players showed more improvement over the students not in our program attending Akron Public Schools. The summer camp was one of the best with an increase of 5-10 years old. Thanks to Sarah Deisler and Carrier Burrier from the Akron Public Library and Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Bell from Children and Book (CAB) for providing the books throughout the summer. The opportunity had prevented lesson loss among our participants during the summer which is always common among children who may not have the means of attending a quality program during the summer.

Our players are always called upon by Tom Turner, The Director of Membership Growth & Development of Ohio Soccer Association (OSA) to assist in coaching education, this is due in part to their high-level soccer knowledge and skills



COACH
Dele Olabisi



2021 SUMMER CAMP REPORT FROM SEI

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As one of the partners of United Way of Summit & Medina Bold Goals Initiative 2018-2025, we continue to monitor our participants attendance and academic records to make sure they are on track to graduate on time and be college or career ready. “We believe that high-quality summer programs that focus on both academic and social-emotional development have the power to reduce or eliminate achievement gaps that occur from summer learning loss” SEI.

SUMMARY OF THE RESULT

IMPROVED ATTENDANCE

The average absences for your summer program (2.2) were lesser than the district absences (3.6) but similar to all summer programs (2.2) post-summer. Students in your program had excellent attendance patterns in school and your summer program. A significant majority (88%) of your students with a history of perfect attendance maintained that level of excellent attendance during the first marking period of the 2021 school year. A considerable number of your students (90%) who had high-risk attendance before attending your program started the 2021 school year with excellent attendance. More than two-thirds (67%) of your students with acceptable attendance improved to an excellent attendance pattern post-summer. This sustenance and increase in excellent attendance among your typical, perfect, and high-risk attendance students, respectively, can enhance educational success during the course of the 2021-2022 school year.

SCHOOL-BASED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Academically, your students' Spring to fall GPA patterns are better than all summer programs or the district GPA patterns, as indicated in the previous section of this report. A significant majority (80%) of your students who achieved high GPAs before the program sustained the academic performance and started the school year with low-risk high achieving GPAs. One-fourths of your students with average performing GPAs at the end of the 2020 school year made considerable gains and had high achieving GPAs at the beginning of the 2021 school year. However, 70% of your low-achieving students sustained low performances even in the fall of the 2021 school year.



I-READY ASSESSMENTS –READING

Post-summer, both average (39) and median (36) percentile scores in reading for students in your program were higher than the district or all summer programs. Close to one-fifth (19%) of your average performing students at the end of the 2020 school year made gains in reading and had significantly above average reading performance at the beginning of the 2021 school year. Similarly, one-fourth (24%) of your below-average students improved their reading performances to average scores post summer.

2021 SUMMER CAMP PICTURES

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PICTURES

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**AKRON INNER CITY SOCCER CLUB NEW
PRACTICE FIELD
CONSTRUCTION**



2021 SPRING STATISTICS

Spring 2021: We registered seven teams to compete in Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association (GAASA) competitive League games, four of which made the playoffs, and one won division champion.

SN		WIN	TIE	LOSS
1	U9 Boys Akron Inner City	4	0	4
2	U10 Boys Akron Inner City	4	0	4
3	U10 Girls Akron Inner City	2	0	6
4	U11 Boys Akron Inner City	6	0	2
5	U14 Girls Akron Inner City	2	0	6
6	U15 Boys Akron Inner City	8	0	0
7	U18 Boys Akron Inner City	3	8	2



2021 FALL STATISTICS

Fall 2021: Seven teams were registered for the competitive league games, four made the playoffs, and three were division champions.

SN		WIN	TIE	LOSS
1	U9 Boys Akron Inner City	8	0	0 Division Championship
2	U9 Boys Akron Inner City	4	0	4
3	U9 Girls Akron Inner City	0	0	8 Played in U10 Division
4	U11 Boys Akron Inner City	8	0	0 Division Championship
5	U12 Boys Akron Inner City	3	2	3
6	U14 Girls Akron Inner City	0	2	6 Played U15 Division
7	U14 Boys Akron Inner City	8	0	0 Division Championship



IN-KIND DONATIONS

“ WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE PLAYER EQUIPMENT DONATED BY INDIVIDUAL LISTED BELOW.

**THE GIFTS TOUCHED OUR HEARTS MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS TOWARD AKRON INNER-CITY CHILDREN.**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE.”



Pablo Moreira Assistance Coach Columbus Crew a Major League Soccer (MLS) Team. Thanks for the donation. The boys are very grateful.



Ms. Leslie Kirk a staff at Michigan Jaguars Soccer Club in Novi, Michigan. We thank you for making two sets of uniforms (blue & white) available for our players.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

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**Jeremiah Beiton Assistance Coach
University of Detroit Mercy: Thank
you for your donation.**



**Owen Durkee (Hudson High School) and family: Thank you for providing 24 soccer
cleats and 24 balls for two U9-Boys teams.**

COACHES CORNER WITH TOM TURNER

Director of Membership Growth & Development

"Pandemic aside, this has been an exciting year for youth soccer, highlighted by the merger of Ohio North and Ohio South into the Ohio Soccer Association. With over 70,000 players, "OSA" is now amongst the largest state associations in the Midwest and that size and scale provides member clubs and leagues with a wide range of possibilities for play; and a significant upgrade in professional support services. OSA strives to be the safest youth organization in the country, protecting member clubs through superior insurance coverage and risk management, and protecting players through enhanced coach background checks. As always, OSA can provide formal and informal coach education and administrative support, while assisting Akron Inner City in its mission to bring soccer to young players in the city of Akron.

Akron Inner City is a unique club in the Ohio soccer landscape, and it has been my honor and privilege to support Dele Olabisi and his coaches over the past 20+ years. The club has competed with distinction in GAASA and one of the most endearing relationships with Ohio North has been the connection with our coaching education programs. For years, Dele's boys and girls have volunteered to participate in our courses, showing up and competing with an abundance of love and enthusiasm. If truth be told, the players have taught the coaches as much as the coaches have tried to teach them. "Fundamentals" to a player who has developed skill away from the over-organized world of youth soccer has a very limited value... and coming to grips with that lesson has been, gleefully to me, very challenging to coaches seeking "education" in the ways of player development.

A new complex for the club is on the horizon, and I am very excited to see how this project impacts player growth and retention and the psyche of the club. Who isn't inspired by a shiny new home! Akron Inner City serves its population very well and has only started to tap into its potential as a soccer club. OSA now provides AIC the opportunity to grow the base of the club at a new reduced cost, while offering new leagues and competitions for teams with aspirations to play at higher levels. While the base of the club will always remain the focal point, there are now inexpensive new opportunities to meet the challenges of those who want to venture further afield in the club soccer landscape.

Dele, good luck to you and the club for 2022 and beyond. The journey continues!"



THE CHAMPION PICTURES

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BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR TEAMS CONTINUE TO HAVE SUCCESS ON AND OFF THE FIELDS.

COACHES AND RECOGNITION

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