



Dear Members of NDSC and SurDel,

The Board of Directors for NDSC and SurDel would like to provide an update on two important topics: 1) Our upcoming spring season, 2) update on the progress of the Merger plans, with a target launch for the 2020/2021 fall season.

Spring Season (2020)

Spring registration for both clubs is officially open and this milestone represents the start of our soft launch for the new merged club. Most of our advertising and correspondence for spring will be going out with both logos and both boys and girls in mind. Both NDSC and SurDel's Boards and Staff are working hard to make sure that the transition process this spring will be as seamless as possible. For spring, we have now combined our registration systems, our communication systems, and most aspects of our technical programs, with the goal to deliver you the best possible service. Our coordinators for spring will be from both NDSC and SurDel and will be sending you information that is relevant to both boys and girls moving forward. The Staff and volunteers of both clubs are working hard together to provide you as complete of an experience as possible this spring season. On behalf of both boards and staff we appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate our way through this historic spring season. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to either NDSC or SurDel to assist you.

For this spring season we will have mock training schedules which will be sent out to members this week to help you plan your spring activities, which we are happy will include soccer. These schedules may be subject to change, but it will be our hope that we can adhere as close to these as possible with the understanding that there may need to be some flexibility for families who participate in other activities.

We will be moving forward with a Spring Academy. NDSC has been running its Spring Academy for the past 5 years and it is a great way for your son or daughter to work with our energetic and knowledgeable staff coaches to improve their soccer skills and increase their understanding of the game. All information for the Academy can be viewed on the NDSC website. We are combining our Technical Staff resources to assist on field during the spring season, as well as staffing the Monday night Academy.

The mini micro and mini programs, along with older age groups, will work together this spring season. So, in effect, we will be operating as a merged club this spring, to have a dry run before we are officially one club this fall season.

These are exciting times and it is the goal of both NDSC and SurDel and the new club, to make sure your experience is a positive and impactful one. Please look for more details on the spring season during the next few weeks.

Merger Update and Fall (2020-2021)

There has been a significant amount of work done behind the scenes since both clubs voted to merge this past year. A merger committee was established in 2019 with board members and staff representatives from both clubs and chaired by Steve Rothmund, Director of Soccer Operations for NDSC.

The merger committee is comprised of the following members:

NDSC

Gurdip Ibarra, President
Jorge Frasca, Vice President
Aizaz Sattar, Human Resources Director
Mile Grohman, Board Member
Steve Rothmund, Director of Soccer Operations
Sonia Cordeiro, Administrator NDSC

SurDel

Mark Kerr, President
Sean Semple, Vice President
Pete Stringer, Board Member
Ted Lewis, Board Member
Steve Couper, Executive Director

The group has been working on the merger diligently during the last 3 months. We are approximately 70% of the way through the process. There was much to do to harmonize and address new club operations, technical programs, branding, and the legal and financial aspects of the merger. NDSC and SurDel Boards have been kept in the loop through representation on the merger committee and reports back to the respective boards, and each board has voted on critical items required to move the merger forward.

The first item we are excited to disclose to membership is that the name of the merged club will be **North Delta Football Club (NDFC)**. The name was chosen from eight different options and was approved by both boards. It was felt that in the traditional spirit of our sport and from our early ancestor, the game was called Football thus, **North Delta Football Club**. The acronym **NDFC** will be the primary means of description the club will use moving forward in correspondence and branding.

The merger committee and the boards of each club are extremely excited for the future of the NDFC. Regular information updates will come to members, beginning with this email and will continue throughout the process, until we are fully merged. The group working on this, has spent a great deal of time and effort to make this a reality and to ensure a smooth transition. There will be more exciting announcements to come in the next few weeks and months, so please stay tuned.