



## Lakewood Names Filipe dos Santos Director of Player and Coaching Development

**September 27, 2018.** **Lakewood Soccer Association, Inc.** has announced the appointment of Filipe dos Santos as their new Director of Player and Coaching Development. Filipe has over 15 years of experience as a coach and academy director within Saskatchewan. He founded the Ginga Academy of Soccer in 2011 where he trained and coached over 300 athletes from 6 to 18 years of age. Filipe coached with RE United in Regina and accompanied the U16 Saskatchewan boys to Nationals in Richmond, BC. He has also been involved with Sask. Soccer both as a coordinator and program developer for the high-performance program. Filipe was also nominated to be one of Saskatchewan's Top Under 40 people in 2015. He recently won a bronze medal at the Western Masters games in Vancouver.

Filipe has moved from Regina to Saskatoon with his wife and family and plans to apply his background and expertise in the areas of coaching and player development to Lakewood's existing programs.

Lakewood was interested in acquiring Filipe because of his extensive background developing athletes including Rodrigo Santamaria who now plays with the El Salvador U18 National team, and Hanza Moustapha who played with Chievo Verona in Italy. He shares Lakewood's philosophy that soccer needs to first be enjoyed in order to develop. His strong focus on fun closely aligns with Lakewood's core values.



"I am very excited to join Lakewood and build on their already growing program. I feel like there are areas where I can help develop both athletes and coaches while at the same time further their love for the game," says Filipe.

"We feel that having someone of Filipe's caliber join our staff significantly improves the quality of product Lakewood is able to offer its members. We look forward to having him for this indoor season," states Lewis Oteruelo, Lakewood's Manager of Operations.

Lakewood provides youth soccer league opportunities, player development opportunities and goalkeeper academies to youth in Saskatoon. Lakewood's soccer philosophy is to create a fun environment where players learn the game of soccer, and develop character, attitude and desire. Lakewood hosts two soccer tournaments annually. If you want more information about Lakewood please contact Lewis Oteruelo at [manager@lakewoodsoccer.com](mailto:manager@lakewoodsoccer.com)