



To our LS Croatia S.C. Community,

March 26, 2021

Many of you have already heard that LS Croatia S.C. has signed an affiliation agreement with the GNK Dinamo Zagreb Academy.

The responses from all of you and those in our soccer community, have generally been overwhelmingly positive and encouraging. Unfortunately, there have been a few who have misinterpreted our goals and vision for a Player Pathway and have posted misinformed information on social media.

LS Croatia S.C. continues to support the Ontario Soccer Player Pathway and Canada Soccer's Club Licensing Program. In addition, we hope to provide a choice and a range of opportunities for talented players in order to make informed decisions.

There are a number of these affiliations with European professional clubs throughout Canada; however, it is the exception rather than the norm. There is nothing under the Canada Soccer or FIFA rules that prevents these affiliations from happening.

In addition, LS Croatia will be committed to abide by FIFA regulations on Status and Transfer of Players and Protection of Minors. For those who are concerned otherwise, we challenge them to consider, that a highly ranked professional club like Dinamo Zagreb would not jeopardize their reputation and status with FIFA to place any under aged player at risk. We take this very seriously.

Our plan in the near future, is to arrange for a Club meeting, to inform all of our members of the opportunities in our agreement with Dinamo Zagreb. This is to ensure that truthful information is transparent and clear.

The main goal of the agreement is to provide opportunity for player DEVELOPMENT. This includes development for players of all ages and gender; as well as coaches. As discussed in our formal announcement with Dinamo on March 20, 2021, these opportunities will be provided through; education for coaches, training opportunities with Dinamo Zagreb and invites to tournaments arranged by Dinamo Zagreb.

Due to the pandemic, LS Croatia S.C. is unable to provide full details of upcoming Dinamo led training opportunities for players; however, planning has already commenced. In the upcoming weeks, LS Croatia coaches will be initiating online instructional training with our Technical Director, Coach Mladen and the Dinamo Zagreb Academy.

Again, we want to thank our new partners; Dinamo Zagreb for this unbelievable prospect. LS Croatia is committed to ensure that opportunities included in our agreement will come to fruition. Lastly, we want to thank our LS Croatia family for the years of dedication, enthusiasm and honoring our Club with your commitment.

Sincerely,

LS Croatia S.C. Board Executives