

# CLUB AGM AGENDA

FOOTBALL/FUTBOL CLUB TORONTO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting to be held virtually – January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
@ 6:00pm

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## AGENDA

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#### 1. OPENING

Held virtually online, in the Province of Ontario, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock in the evening.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT

<i>Roy Blanche</i>	<i>Title President, Director</i>
<i>Hugo Rodrigues</i>	<i>Title Executive Director</i>
<i>Veronica Harispuru</i>	<i>Title Secretary</i>
<i>Samira Razavi</i>	<i>Title General Manager</i>

##### *Ordinary Club Members*

*Joanne Giamo*  
*Brandon Cooper*  
*Christine Mavrou*  
*Courtney Torres*

#### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

<i>Gonzalo Blanche</i>	<i>Title Vice President</i>
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*Note the start of the meeting:* The President constituted the meeting at 6.00pm.

As per constitution 6.1 Ten (10) voting members or 25% of the voting membership, whichever is less, shall form quorum at all general meetings of the club. Any decision shall be decided by a majority of the votes unless otherwise required by this constitution.

#### 4. MINUTES OF AGM OF *Previous Year* (PAPER A1)

**MOTIONED (Brandon Cooper) and SECONDED Samira Razavi to approve the minutes of the 2021 AGM Minutes on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

#### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**President Roy Blanche spoke about the clubs' accomplishments so far for 2022**

## **2022 Accomplishments:**

- Gators House League program takes off again after the Pandemic
- U8 rep program was established due to the recruitment from players from the Gators recreational program
- Peel Halton Futsal League is back and running for the 2022/2023 Indoor season with a development tier and some missing age groups i.e., 2010 boys & 2007 boys divisions
- club expressed the Peel Halton Futsal League budget was not presented in time for clubs to accept the 2022/2023 budget. Therefore we hope for growth in the future.
- U13 & U16 team growth for Indoor Season
- Unix group Partnership has been established to help send players to Europe
- Europe trip being brought back as a possibility after the pandemic
- World Cup Canada has 73% of its players are developed in Ontario
- Working on League 1/ OPDL for 2023/2024 Season
- Girls U13 team has been established and looking to grow a 2012 and 2013 program from interested athletes

Hello and greetings to the FCT Family,

I'm Roy Blanche, President of FC Toronto.

I hope you all had a great Christmas holiday and closed off the year with love, joy, and a ton of soccer as we all got to witness our country compete back on the big stage after so many years. It's been a difficult couple of years to say the least with the stop and go of competition due to the pandemic. I commend and applaud you all for your efforts hanging in there and making the best of these difficult times. 2022 has been for the most part a positive step forward getting back into a full groove of things and wrapping it up with our Athletes getting the opportunity to enjoy what was a fantastic FIFA World Cup and hope it has a lasting effect for years to come. As someone who has a great passion in the development of youth through the game of futsal and soccer, I feel a deep personal sense of satisfaction and pride in seeing our athlete compete once again.

This past year just like any year, we faced some challenges in certain areas but also seen many positives that outweigh our challenges. Starting from the bottom it was very nice to see our Gators House Program takeoff once again after a long halt due to the pandemic. We were able to run a successful program that seen kids from the community back on the fields with kids from U4-U10. From the Gators summer house league program, we were able to recruit athletes for our U8 rep program which are currently competing in the Peel Halton Futsal League. To add to that we also recruited players for our U10 rep program.

Another huge positive this year was seeing our athletes in almost all divisions get back onto the courts to compete in the PHSA Futsal League that was also at a halt due to the pandemic. Currently we have six divisions competing in the league from U8-U16. For FCT this is a very important part of our

methodology in development and it's great to see that can get back on the courts to deliver this component of our program.

In the early part of 2022, we began to slowly see growth in both grassroots and youth divisions as parents began to feel that it was safe for their athletes to compete again. Following this summer, leading into the winter season, we saw massive growth in almost all divisions and even doubled up in teams both in the U13 and U16 programs and I strongly believe that this is just the beginning to what will be an even bigger outdoor season this summer coming up.

As evidence of our strong efforts and partnerships built, we got to witness moment that will flourish in 2023 and years to come. With our efforts many of our senior athletes that have been with us from a very young age have graduated from the club and moved on to pursue new careers both at the university, and professional level. Coach Hugo has been a vital part of the growth of the club but also with the partnership with The Unik Group that has opened doors for our athletes. Our partnership with Unik will not only continue to put players abroad in pro clubs but also get us back on track in taking our teams to Europe as we have done in the past prior to the pandemic.

As previously mentioned 2022 closed off in positive form with our athletes getting the opportunity to witness our country play in a world cup something that many previous generations did not get the opportunity to do so. I strongly believe that this has motivated our athletes to even further push for their dreams considering that 73% of that team were players that developed in Ontario. During the month of December FCT have taken a step forward to provide an even stronger pathway to the professional game by applying for League 1 Ontario for the 2024 season. Our aim is to provide our athletes with the highest level of competition to nurture their dreams.

Once again, I thank all our members for all the work and efforts put into the day to day to make this club what it is today. I wish you all nothing but the best in 2023.

Go FCT Go!

Roy Blanche  
President

## **6. HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

"Change is painful, but nothing is as painful as staying stuck somewhere you don't belong."

We finally can put behind us a challenging year which was brought on by covid-19. After a year of shut downs and questionable uncertainties that the pandemic has engulfed us with we were able to wrap up the end of a successful soccer season. The painful end of restrictions and limitations place upon all of us in the soccer community is well behind us.

First off, I would like to thank the efforts of our coaching staff, administrative support and team managers without you the operations of the club would not be possible. We were faced with many new changes in our regular tasks. The acquisition of a new league management systems by Peel Halton Soccer Association has brought on new learning challenges for the team, but has helped align the district with our Powerup Members zone. This facilitates the way members access club schedule with league schedule with great ease.

The implementation of a central club calendar for all staff and managers has helped us maintain control of the various permits and coaching assignments necessary within our operations. This has allowed managers to program sessions with minimal conflict and ease of reference.

New JotForm links created by the district has eliminated any hard copy forms members need to provide the club with this new online management tool of forms.

We also had a successful year in obtaining conditional City Affiliate status under the City of Mississauga's Community Group Registry Program. We will continue to work with the City of

Mississauga and work on key areas of growth within the areas of Mississauga residency. Our current membership in terms of Mississauga residency is at 60% we aim at increasing this to 75% in 2023 and 90% in 2024.

The aim for the new year is to continue to improve on administrative procedures and ways of communication for our membership and also secure Community Group Registry status with the City of Mississauga.

Looking forward to a successful year of soccer!

Veronica Harispuu  
General Secretary

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

I am glad that the FC Toronto was able to have a successful season despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic. It's great to see that we continue improvising and growing year by year. FC Toronto has had a successful year in terms of growing their membership and expanding their programs. Some of the specific strategies that the club may have implemented to achieve these goals could include: 1. Marketing and outreach efforts: This could include promoting the club through social media, local news outlets, and community events, as well as reaching out to local schools and sports organizations to promote the club and its programs. 2. Offering a range of programs and teams: By offering multiple programs and teams at different age levels, the club may have been able to attract a wider range of players and appeal to a larger audience. 3. Providing a positive and welcoming environment: By creating a safe and professional environment for players, the club may have been able to retain a high percentage of its members and attract new players as well. 4. Building partnerships and connections: By establishing connections with professional teams and organizations in Portugal, the club may have been able to provide more opportunities for its players to advance and compete at a higher level. FC Toronto has also implemented strategies to promote player development within the club by moving athletes from our house league program to the club's rep teams. This could be an effective way to provide more advanced training and competition opportunities for talented players within the club, and it could also help to improve the overall level of play within the club's rep teams. Working closely with the house league program coordinator and other staff members may help to identify and support talented players as they progress within the club's programs. This approach could help foster a sense of continuity and progression within the club, as players are able to move up through the different levels of play as they develop their skills. FC Toronto is planning to expand its program offerings even further in the future with the addition of an indoor Futsal Gators House league program. Futsal is a variant of soccer that is played on a smaller, indoor court, and it can be a great way for players to develop their skills and fitness in a different environment. An indoor futsal program could be a valuable addition to the club's offerings, as it could provide players with an opportunity to continue training and competing throughout the winter months when the outdoor soccer may not be possible. It could also be great way to attract new players to the club, as futsal is a popular and growing sport in its own right. Overall, starting an indoor Futsal program could be a great way for the club to continue to grow and evolve, and it could provide players with even more opportunities to develop their skills and compete at a high level. The club has a number of exciting plans and goals in place for the future, including expanding into a League One team and applying for OPDL League. These are ambitious goals that could provide significant benefits to the club and its players, including the opportunity to compete at SPORTING CLUB REPORT FC TORONTO an even higher level and attract top talent to the club. Bringing back a women's Futsal Team is another important step in the club's growth, as it will help to provide more opportunities for female players to participate and excel within the club's programs Overall, the club has taken a proactive and strategic approach to growing its membership and expanding its programs, and this has allowed the club to achieve significant growth and success over the past year. Looking ahead, the club's plans to apply for League One Team and become a Club Quality Soccer Provider recognized by Canada Soccer are ambitious goals that could further enhance the club's reputation and success in the future. I recognize that it's important for clubs and organizations to continually strive for improvement and adapt to changing circumstances in order to grow and become the best version of themselves. As Technical Director, I have a key role in this process by identifying areas for improvement and implementing strategies to address them. This may involve analysing data and performance metrics, collaborating

with coaches and players, and seeking out resources and supports from external partners. It's also important to set high standards for the club, as this can help attract and retain top talent, as well as create a positive and inspiring culture for our players and staff. With the World cup coming up, it will be especially important for FC Toronto to be at the top of his game and showcase the best of Canadian soccer to the world. As the club continues to grow and evolve, it will be important to maintain a focus on providing high-quality training and support for all players, as well as fostering a positive and welcoming environment for everyone. By continuing to prioritize player development and excellence, FC Toronto can position itself as a premier club and continue to attract and retain top talent in the years ahead.

Executive Director  
Hugo Rodrigues

## **8. AUDITORS REPORT**

Roy presented the financial statements prepared by the outside accountant.

Roy advised that the he audited financial statements were not ready as it would require the club to engage an auditor and would likely take 3 to 6 months from the time of the year end.

Roy advised that the club was advised that the cost of an audited financial statement and report would cost approximately \$8000 to \$12000 based on quotes obtained.

A motion was passed to waive the requirement to have audited financial statements prepared as it was deemed that the cost of the audited financial statements was too much of a financial burden for the club and the membership, and the financial statements prepared by the third-party accountant was satisfactory.

**MOTIONED (Samira Razavi) and SECONDED (Joanne Giamo) to approve the above.**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Roy expressed that he is continuing to working through partnership details with Unix Group

-Futsal Women's Team will be a focus as Canada Soccer has included a Woman's National Futsal Championship in March 2023 competition

-Looking to grow and expand on potential girls rep program to foster the above opportunities set forth by Ontario Soccer and Canada Soccer

-Working towards League 1 & OPDL approval for 2024

-League 2 division is U16-U18/ League 1 division is over U18

-Coaching certification -Anthony Malcolm is working towards his C-License and Kendrick Morales is working towards his Youth and Grassroots licenses. Brandon Simoes and Hugo Rodrigues are C-License Approved and Roy Blanche has been awarded completion of his C-License

## **10. FUTURE BUSINESS**

### **2023 to do/ plan for the future:**

- Continue to grow the club
- Continue to educate coaches with updated courses

- Continue with Club Affiliation (better fields)
- Continue to work on League 1/2 & OPDL sanctioning for 2024
- To be recognized by Canada Soccer (National Youth Club Licensing Program)
- League 1 games would be played/ training at Centennial Stadium

## **11. ROLL CALL**

### **PRESENT**

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 Courtney Torres

## **12. CONSTITUTION CHANGES**

*No Constitutional Changes were presented to the Club Committee/secretary (21) days prior to this AGM.*

## **13. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

*There are no nominations or elections for 2022.*

## **14. A.O.C.B.**

- Continue to grow the club through existing program
- Continue to educate coaches with updated courses
- Continue with Club Affiliation which in turn provides quality sports fields for our programs
- Continue to work on League 1/2 & OPDL sanctioning for 2024
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## **15. CLOSE**

President, Roy Blanche, closed the meeting at 6:50pm January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## ATTACHMENTS

[PAPER A1 – 2021 AGM MINUTES]

### 2021 AGM | **FUTBOL/FOOTBALL CLUB TORONTO**

*October 1, 2021 | 6:30pm | Meeting location Virtual*

<b>Meeting called by</b>	Veronica Harispuru	Samira Razavi - Director Hugo Rodrigues - Director Roy Blanche - President
<b>Type of meeting</b>	AGM	Gonzalo Blanche - Vice President
<b>Facilitator</b>	Naheel Suleman	Veronica Harispuru - Treasurer/Secretary Naheel Suleman - Attendee, Financial Advisor
<b>Note taker</b>	Veronica Harispuru	Brandon Simoes - Attendee
<b>Timekeeper</b>	Veronica Harispuru	

#### Agenda topics

*Time allotted | 30minutes | Agenda topic AGM | Presenter Naheel Suleman*

Opening Statements - Naheel Suleman  
Operating Budget  
Indoor/Outdoor Program components  
Renewal of Constitution  
Conclusion Closing - Naheel Suleman

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Club Divisions	Hugo Rodrigues	
Constitution	Veronica Harispuru	September 30, 2021
Annual Budget	Naheel Suleman	September 30, 2021
Permits/Operations	Veronica Harispuru	August 28, 2021

*Time allotted | Time | Agenda topic Topic | Presenter Name*

Discussion Conversation  
Conclusion Closing



<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>
Constitution	Veronica Harispuru	Approval
Review of Operating Budget	Naheel Suleman	Approval
Club Division, Structure Hugo Rodrigues		Approval