

## Milton Soccer Academy receives Gold Status from OSA

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Call it a golden stamp of approval.

At its inaugural club development conference late last month, the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) awarded the Milton Soccer Academy its Club Excellence Gold Status — its highest honour possible — for 2011-13.

The OSA's Club Excellence program recognizes soccer clubs that are run efficiently and offer a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in soccer.

Milton Soccer Academy is one of just 10 clubs that currently hold gold status among the 761 OSA-affiliated clubs across the province. Earning bronze status — one of 24 clubs to do so — was the Milton Youth Soccer Club.

OSA Special Projects Coordinator said "Milton Soccer Academy proved they were a proactive club by not only establishing high standards on the soccer pitch, but by also reviewing their procedures and practices off the field. The volunteer board members spent many hours discussing new policies to help strengthen the club and ensure there is a lasting legacy for new board members."

"The recognition of the Milton Soccer Academy with the OSA Club Excellence Gold award is a testament to the quality, hard work and dedication of the coaching members we have within our club," said co-founder and president Uwe Samstag-Schnock, who was also one of two coaches recognized with the OSA's Volunteer Appreciation Honourable Mention Award for his continuous hard work and dedication to the club and sport as a whole.

"I am proud of our Continual Improvement Committee, led by Mike Miller, for taking our club to the gold level. It also speaks volumes for the programs that we offer and about the people who manage and provide governance within our club. We could not have achieved all that we have so far without them."



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