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RE: VIPL 2020-2021 Hiatus

VIPL Coaches, Managers, Players and Parents,

As you may already be aware, the Upper Island Soccer Association (UISA) has advised their families that VIPL will be on hiatus for the coming season. Faced with the challenges and uncertainties brought about by the pandemic, the decision was made to put the entire program on hold. Realistically, it seems highly unlikely that there would have been any type of league play before 2021, so this decision is one that will hopefully give players the greatest chance to make soccer plans for the coming fall-winter season, without having to worry about the constraints of travel restrictions. LISA and UISA will revisit plans for VIPL in the spring. At this point VIPL continues to exist - it is just the fall-winter season that is being cancelled.

In the meantime, LISA and the LISA clubs are going to take this opportunity to consider other possible Tier 2 soccer options. One idea that we are considering is a local LISA-only Super 7's league. We believe that there are enough skilled players in the Lower Island to support this, or some similar kind of Tier 2 program, and this enforced break will give us the time to come up with some different, creative models. For the time being, we would encourage all current VIPL players to register with their home clubs to take part in whatever programming they can offer this fall. As well, each current host club will do its best to continue to support Tier 2 training options, with everything falling under the giant caveat of "what we are able to offer in a COVID-19 environment."

We want to thank you for your dedication to the sport and to Tier 2 soccer. You have our commitment to continue to work on developing a model that will support the development of players and coaches so they can continue to strive to achieve their soccer goals.

Sincerely,

Stuart Bancroft
Executive Director