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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (Pike Youth Soccer Club, Inc.) - February 9, 2004 - Pike Soccer Club (PSC) proudly announced all its coaches will be certified prior to the Spring, 2004, season. For future seasons, each new coach will be certified prior to coaching.

PSC also announced every Coach; Assistant Coach; Board member; Board Committee member, including Commissioners and Team Managers, will complete a criminal back ground check prior to the Spring, 2004, season. Annual background checks will be performed each January-February. New coaches/volunteers for each Fall season will complete a back ground check during the summer.

Thomas Geisse, President, said, "PSC offers one of the best youth soccer programs in the State. Providing its members certified coaches and enhanced Risk Management policies is a positive step forward for PSC, its coaches, parents, volunteers, and players. These actions and on going coaching education are significant accomplishments toward achieving PSC's 2004 Goal to take PSC to the Next Level, at Every Level, One Step at a Time."

"PSC believes, as does Fran Sepler, member US Youth Soccer Risk Management Committee, parents may expect participation in youth soccer will help their children develop emotionally, socially, and physically. These benefits occasionally are overshadowed by the damaging behavior of adults. PSC Risk Management seeks always, through member education, to minimize risk to our children. Each PSC member will receive US Youth Soccer Risk Management Committee's 'Managing the Ultimate Risk' pamphlet."

Max Hudspeth, Director Coaching Recreation, said, "The PSC Coaching Certification Course contains important information about Risk Management, including safety, first aid, and child molestation prevention safeguards. Age and development appropriate coaching skills will also be covered. The PSC Coaching Certification Course will be offered several times on April 3, 7, and 10, 2004, at Northwestway Park. The course will be 90 minutes in length. Although a coach need attend the PSC Coaching Certification Course only one time, regular updates and additional coaching courses and clinics will continued to be offered. The course itself will be offered prior to each season in order for PSC to continually add new coaches."

Warner Moses, Director Coaching Indy Burn Girls, said, "All Indy Burn and PSC coaches must attend the PSC Coaching Certification Course. Coaches who have earned a state "F" ("IYSA Youth Technical Course") or better license are already certified and need not attend."

Isang Jacob, Director Coaching Indy Burn Boys, stated "Each of the 27 Spring, 2004, season Indy Burn coaches and many PSC Recreational coaches have already completed one or more of the Youth Technical Course, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Advanced Regional course, or earned an E, D, C, B, or A license from the United States Soccer Federation."

Moses added, "Pike Soccer Club has graduated 9 coaches with a USSF National Youth Course license and several additional hold prestigious, and challenging to earn, national youth soccer coaching licenses. For example, Indiana Youth Soccer Association's 2004 Coach of the Year Isang Jacob earned both the USSF A and NSCAA Premier licenses."

Moses outlined the PSC Coaching Certification Course:

- o "Objective is to provide beginning coaches a basic understanding of:
- o The game of soccer
- o The role of the coach in soccer
- o To show how to organize a training session.
- o To provide information on safety and prevention and risk management."