



Richmond FC - U13 Intake BCSPL 2020/2021 Season

To all 2008 Players and Parents;

Richmond FC as part of its Strategic Plan initiative is currently applying for the CSA National Club Youth License, with the aim to increase the overall standards within the Club and to provide soccer programming at all levels of play by offering opportunities for players to play within the High-Performance Stream in the BC Soccer Premier League ("BCSPL") at the U13-U18 age groups. Within Richmond FC's current programming, the BCSPL would be a tier higher than the Club's Select programming.

Richmond FC has reached the 2nd phase of the application process and will be informed by the CSA on January 23rd if the club has been successful in its application and granted the National Club Youth License.

If the Club is given the CSA National Club Youth License, BC Soccer will review the club's application to begin participation in the BCSPL beginning September 2020 at the U13 (2008) age group with girls and boys.

What this means for the 2008 Girls and Boys and future players within Richmond is that there will be more opportunity for players to play within the High-Performance Stream, without the need to travel to other regions within the Lower Mainland that currently provide this level of competition.

THE BCSPL

The BCSPL was formed in 2011 to support the development pathway in BC by establishing a standards-based environment at Stage 4 'Train to Train' and Stage 5 'Train to Compete' of the CSA Long Term Player Development Module for U13 to U18 male and female players. The BCSPL provides an important link between playing levels, BC Soccer's Provincial Program, Professional youth programming, University and College as well as Canada Soccer national team programming. A number of player development environments in BC support the player pathway, including district associations, affiliate soccer clubs and BC Soccer associate member organizations.

For more information on the BCSPL [click here](#)

RICHMOND FC BC SPL U13 (2008) EVALUATIONS

The evaluation window for the BC SPL program is from January 31st to March 8th. Many of the BC SPL clubs currently have opened up registration for the U13 (2008) Intake groups, which will run at the beginning of February.

For Richmond FC and any other new clubs, who will know on February 1st if they will be participating in the BC SPL, timelines will be tight as we are unable to open up registrations for the evaluations until the decision has been made.

In preparation for this, Richmond FC is informing the 2008 Girls and Boys group of the current situation and providing the evaluation dates in the event the club is participating in the BC SPL for the 2020/21 season.

Registration for the evaluations will be open on February 2nd with the 1st evaluation scheduled on Friday February 7th (Boys), and Saturday February 8th (girls), see schedule following:

U13 (2008) Intake Boys		
Date	Time	Venue
Fri- Feb 7 th	6:00pm-7:30pm or 7:30-9:00pm (Open)	Minoru 3
Tue-Feb 11 th	6:00pm-7:30pm or 7:30-9:00pm (Invite)	Minoru 3
Thu-Feb 13 th	6:00pm-7:30pm (Invite)	Minoru 3

U13 (2008) Intake Girls		
Date	Time	Venue
Sat-Feb 8 th	3:00pm-4:30pm or 4:30-6:00pm (Open)	Hugh Boyd Red
Wed-Feb 12 th	7:30pm-9:00pm (Invite)	Hugh Boyd Red
Fri-Feb 14 th	6:00pm-7:30pm (Invite)	Minoru 3

RICHMOND FC BC SPL U13 INTAKE PROGRAM

Players selected for the BC SPL U13 Intake group, will start the 1st phase of training in April 2020 to the end of June 2020. The groups will train 3x per week, all sessions will be run by a professional qualified Richmond FC coach who meets the criteria as set by BC Soccer and the CSA to ensure players are within the best environment for their current age and stage of development. The intake groups will play in a series of exhibition game during this phase, along with additional tournaments. The fee for the first phase spring training (April to June) will be approximately \$900.

The groups will take a short summer break before starting up pre-season in August for the 1st phase of the BC SPL Season which runs from September through to December. After the winter break the 2nd Phase of the BC SPL Season will start up in mid-January and run through

to the end of June 2021. The fee for the 2020/2021 (August 2020 to June 2021) season will be approximately \$2,900.

As part of the program players will also have access to SAQ/soccer conditioning training specific to the players current age and stage of development. Richmond FC will also provide information on the lifestyle of an elite athlete through various seminars on, effective time management, rest and recovery, nutrition, psychology, social media, and other key elements to assist with their overall personal growth.

Richmond FC will also provide feedback on individual and team performance through video analysis sessions, along with regular player and team meetings to set individual/team goals and provide opportunities to review these goals over the course of the season to assist in achieving these goals.

Goalkeepers will be provided with 2 specific Goalkeeper sessions each week through the Richmond FC Goalkeeper program run Richmond FC's Head of Goalkeeping, Marius Rovde

COACH SELECTION

Each of the intake groups will have an RFC Staff coach assigned as a head coach, along with an assistant RFC Staff Coach, who meet the requirements set by BC Soccer and the CSA. This will be used as a mentorship program, where the more senior/experienced head coach would assist with the growth and development of the assistant coach to further improve the standard of coaching within the club.

Richmond FC will be announcing the intake coaches on February 2nd with the registration info for the evaluations.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Hood technicaldirector@richmondfc.ca

Sincerely,

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Rein Weber (RFC Chair)