

EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League 2019

2007 Born Player Evaluation & Selection FAQ

General Information

In efforts to continue to provide information regarding the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League and its technical guidelines, policies, and its developmental advantages, please find below valuable information and answers to frequently asked questions regarding the evaluation and selection of players within the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League within the 2007 birth year.

What is the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League and why should my son or daughter play in this league?

It is the goal of BC Soccer to continue to be committed to a comprehensive approach to improve player development in British Columbia, ultimately, to make Canada a stronger soccer nation. Part of the broad-based plan was the establishment of a two-stream development process for the game. Those streams are known as grassroots and high performance. See www.bcsoccer.net for more information. A key component of this process was the creation and development of a High-Performance League in BC.

This league is known as the “EA SPORTS BC SOCCER PREMIER LEAGUE”

The EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League will deliver on the following key development initiatives;

- ✓ *To promote a Player First Mentality*
- ✓ *To support the Canadian Soccer Association’s Long-Term Player Development Principals*
- ✓ *To provide a clear and recognized Pathway for players to be developed, identified, and promoted within*
- ✓ *To maintain and enhance technical standards across the four corners of development including, Technical, Tactical, Physical and Mental*

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Where can my son/daughter born in the year 2007 be evaluated for potential selection to the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League?

The EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League is made up of eight (8) founding member clubs. Each of these clubs is responsible for the implementation of an evaluation program within each of their clubs for the league. To view more information on these clubs and their partner’s clubs (regional based) please go to the official website and click on any club logo for more information regarding their evaluation program.

- ✓ *COQUITLAM METRO FORD SOCCER CLUB - <https://www.cmfsc.ca/bcspl>*
- ✓ *FUSION FC - <http://www.fusionfc.ca/>*
- ✓ *MOUNTAIN UNITED FC – <http://mufc.ca/>*
- ✓ *SURREY UNITED SC - <https://www.surreyunitedsoccer.com/bcspl-about>*

- ✓ VANCOUVER ISLAND WAVE - <https://www.lowerislandsoccer.com/competitions/vi-wave/>
- ✓ FRASER VALLEY PREMIER - <https://www.langleysoccer.ca/bcspl/>
- ✓ THOMPSON OKANAGAN FC - <http://www.tofc.ca/>
- ✓ COASTAL FC - <http://www.coastalfc.ca/u13-u18-bcspl-fall>

EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League www.bcspl.ca

When do evaluations begin and when do they end?

To assist with the process, the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League has established the following evaluation window for 2019 for all member clubs.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1st, 2019 THROUGH SUNDAY, March 3rd, 2019

**Please note that due to geographical challenges and region-specific requirements these dates are not in effect for the TOFC and Vancouver Island Wave member clubs and its partner clubs (regional based).*

How do I register my son/daughter for these evaluations?

Each EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club has established its own schedule and registration process for the evaluations. Please consult the club websites listed previously for further details.

When would I know if my son/daughter was successful in being selected to an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club?

Invitations to join an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club may be offered within the following timelines;

➤ **Friday, February 1st through Sunday, March 3rd, 2019.**

Invitations to join an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club may be offered to a player who resides inside that member club and partner clubs (regional based) at any time within the evaluation window

➤ **Sunday, February 17th, 2019 - 6 PM Onward**

The next phase of invitations to join an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club may be offered to players who **DO NOT** reside inside that member club and partner clubs (regional based)

➤ **Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 - 6 PM Onward**

The final phase of invitations to join an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club may be offered to all players within the evaluation process at the completion of the evaluation window

**Please note; A member club is defined as where a player is officially registered with a BC Soccer club and appears on an official team roster.*

Does my son/daughter have to accept that invitation once extended under the above-mentioned guidelines?

Players are not obligated to accept any invitations until the end of the evaluation window on Sunday, March 3rd, 2019. However, as a parent of a son or daughter participating in the evaluation process, you are free to agree to accept an invitation from a club based on the above-mentioned guidelines.

The framework and support surrounding such a decision include the following;

- 1. Your son or daughter is a longtime member of the club and its development programming*
- 2. Pleased with the service, communication, and opportunity being granted your son or daughter*
- 3. Coaching staff meet your expectations for the overall development of your son or daughter*
- 4. You have no interest in joining any other club*

How will invitations to join an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club be communicated?

All invitations to join an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club will be in writing on official EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League letterhead and come from the member club's technical director.

Please note **NO verbal invitations will be communicated and should not be seen as official if received.*

*In addition, no **AGE GROUP** coach is responsible for communicating any invitations to players as this will be the responsibility of the member club's technical director.*

Are players allowed to attend multiple evaluations at other EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League clubs?

Yes, players can attend multiple evaluations at other EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League clubs but it is not encouraged if you are not serious about joining the club hosting the evaluations?

If players have attended multiple evaluations with EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League clubs, they can only offer invitations to players join the club under the previous presented guidelines and timelines.

What can I expect at the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club evaluations?

All evaluations must be conducted within an environment which provides for the health and safety of the players participating and should follow the following guidelines;

- 1. Maximum number of players within each session to provide a responsible environment for evaluations*
- 2. Responsible player to coach ratio as it relates to the evaluators and assessors*
- 3. Provide technical and match playing environments to assess player age-specific competencies*
- 4. Provide access to information regarding the overall process from beginning to end*

How many players may be on an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League team at this age group?

The official roster of players may not exceed eighteen (18) players at this level of play.

What are some of the selection protocols I should be aware of if my son/daughter is participating in the evaluations?

*It is the goal of the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League to promote a responsible and positive experience within the evaluation process. The following are **NOT** acceptable practices within this process and if you encounter any of these practices you are advised to report them to the Soccer Development Department of BC Soccer.*

- 1. You are required to sign an agreement for your son or daughter to commit to a team immediately following evaluation*
- 2. Member club coaching staff uses pressure tactics to convince you to agree to have joined a club*

What are potential consequences if an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club technical director or coach violated recognized protocols and any official rules or policies within the evaluation process?

Any technical director or member of an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League club coaching staff who is deemed to have contravened the above standards, code of conduct and guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action.

This disciplinary action may take the form of and not limited to the following;

- o EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member club internal action*
- o EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League suspension, fine or other recognized action*

** Standard EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League / BC Soccer discipline procedures will be in effect*

When is the deadline to commit to an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League team?

*Evaluations will be completed on **Sunday March 3rd, 2019***

For further information please go to the official website of BC Soccer at www.bcsoccer.net or the official website of the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League at www.bcspl.ca