



# **EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League**

## **Questions & Answers**

### **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, re-evaluations and selection of players within the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League.

#### **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 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;*

- ✓ Supports CSA’s “Player First” mentality and it’s Long Term Player Development strategy
- ✓ Harmonizes all high performance levels of programming
- ✓ Eliminates congestion and provides greater clarity for all stakeholders
- ✓ Works within existing and supporting structures
- ✓ Drives improvements to all aspects of high performance soccer

#### **Where can I read additional information regarding the development benefits for players within this high performance league?**

Please go to either the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League [www.bcsoccerpremierleague.net](http://www.bcsoccerpremierleague.net) or the BC Soccer [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) the official websites for more information.

### **Player Evaluation / Re-Evaluation & Selection Process**

#### **Where can my son or daughter be evaluated or re-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 evaluating and re-evaluated program within each of their clubs. Please see link below for member contact information. [www.bcsoccerpremierleague.net](http://www.bcsoccerpremierleague.net)*

#### **When do evaluations and re-evaluations begin?**

*For more information on the start dates please contact clubs through their official website to see schedule and information regarding the process.*

COQUITLAM METRO FORD SOCCER CLUB – [www.cmfc.ca](http://www.cmfc.ca)

FUSION FC – [www.fusionfc.ca](http://www.fusionfc.ca)

MOUNTAIN UNITED FC – [www.mufc.ca](http://www.mufc.ca)

SURREY UNITED SC – [www.surreyunitedbcspl.ca](http://www.surreyunitedbcspl.ca)

VANCOUVER ISLAND WAVE – [www.lowerislandsoccer.com](http://www.lowerislandsoccer.com)

MAGNUSON FORD MARINERS FC – [www.marinersfc.ca](http://www.marinersfc.ca)

THOMSON OKANAGAN FC – [www.thompsonokanaganfc.com](http://www.thompsonokanaganfc.com)

COASTAL FC – [www.coastalfc.ca](http://www.coastalfc.ca)



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### When do evaluations and re-evaluations end?

**MLS, VIPL, or Regional League** players must be evaluated by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** for the 2013 EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League season.

**EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League** players must be re-evaluated by **December 31<sup>st</sup>** for the 2013 EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League season.

### How do I register my son or daughter for these evaluations and re-evaluations?

Each EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member club has established its own schedule and registration process for the evaluations and re-evaluations. Please consult the club websites for further details and how to sign up through an online registration system within their club.

### Can my son or daughter walk up and be evaluated or re-evaluated at an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member club organized training session?

No! All players must sign up through the official process set out by the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member clubs.

### As a parent, who do I speak to regarding my son or daughter participating within the evaluation or re-evaluation process by an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member club?

All initial discussions regarding player evaluations and re-evaluations at both the MSL and current EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League **must** go through the clubs TECHNICAL DIRECTOR or TECHNICAL LEAD.

### If my son or daughter participates within an evaluation or re-evaluation will my child's current club Technical Director or Technical Lead be made aware of their participation?

Yes, the EA Sport BC SPL club Technical Director will contact your current son or daughters Technical Director or Technical Lead to make them aware of their participation.

### If my son or daughter is approached by an individual from the member club following the evaluation and re-evaluation to join the member club team within his/her age group do we need to agree immediately?

No! However, as a parent of a son or daughter participating within the evaluation and re-evaluation process you are free make a decision to join a member club who has approached you after the evaluations and re-evaluations if you feel it is the best thing for your son or daughter. The framework and support surrounding such a decision may include the following;

1. Your son or daughter is a longtime member of the member club and its development programming
2. As a longtime member you are satisfied with the overall development programming being provided to your son or daughter within the member club
3. Member club resides within your community
4. Pleased with the service, communication and opportunity being granted your son or daughter
5. Member club, age group team and coaching staff meet your expectations for the overall development of your son or daughter
6. You have no interest in joining any other member club



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### **What can I expect at the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member club evaluations and re-evaluations?**

*As per the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League Technical Operations Manual, all evaluations and re-evaluations must be conducted within an environment which provides for the health and safety of the players participating and should follow the following technical guidelines;*

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

### **Are players allowed to attend multiple evaluations and re-evaluations at other member clubs?**

*Yes! Players are allowed to attend multiple evaluations and re-evaluations at other EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member clubs but it is not encouraged if you are not serious about joining the member club hosting the evaluations?*

*In addition it is the agreement of the technical subcommittee and its members (who include the eight (8) member club technical directors) to discuss with all players and parents who are participating within the member clubs evaluation and assessments their true motivation if these players are coming from other jurisdiction's within the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League.*

### **What are some of the selection protocols I should be aware of if my son or daughter is participating within the evaluations and re-evaluations?**

*It is the goal of the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League to promote a responsible and positive experience within the evaluation and reevaluation 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. *Your son or daughter is approached by an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League team coach without the knowledge or in the presence of you as a parent or guardian.*
2. *Your son or daughter is approached by an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League team coach without the knowledge of your current clubs technical director or technical lead.*
3. *Your son or daughter are asked to sign an agreement for your son or daughter to commit to a team immediately following evaluation and reevaluation*
4. *You are given a short time frame (e.g. 24 hours) to commit to a team following the evaluation and re-evaluations*
5. *You are asked to supply a deposit to guarantee your son or daughters position within a team of a member club following the evaluation and re-evaluations. (Please note that some member clubs may require existing players within their club to pay a portion of the next seasons registration fee as part of the evaluation process)*
6. *Member club coaching staff uses pressure tactics to convince you to agree to have your son or daughter join a member club team*



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**How many players may be on an EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League team?**

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

For further information on the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League please go to:

[www.bcsoccerpremierleague.net](http://www.bcsoccerpremierleague.net)