



BC Soccer Premier League (BCSPL) **U13 (2008) Evaluation & Selection FAQ's**

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Introduction

This document has been designed to provide players and parents with further information on the evaluation and selection of players for the BCSPL within the U13 (2008) birth year. Please find below information on the background and purpose to the league as well as valuable answers to frequently asked questions regarding evaluations and selections.

Background

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.

Purpose

Success within youth development soccer can be measured as the number of players that continue to play soccer and the number of players that develop and progress to higher levels of programming.

Player development is a commitment to the 'long term' and not 'short term' measurements of success. The priority is on the long-term goal of improving the player's abilities with the overall aim for the player to reach their full potential within Technical, Tactical, Physical and Mental whether that be for the Canadian National Team, Professional Club Programming, University and College, BC Soccer Provincial Program, the BCSPL or Soccer for life.

To achieve this BC Soccer commits to four Key Responsibilities to Player Development and Identification within the Province of British Columbia. These include;

1. To promote a Player First Mentality.
2. To support the Canadian Soccer Association's, Long Term Player Development Principles.
3. To provide a Clear and Recognized Pathway for players to be developed, identified and promoted within.
4. To maintain and enhance Technical Standards across the four corners of development including, Technical, Tactical, Physical and Mental.

FAQ

Where can my daughter/son born in the year U13 (2008) be evaluated for potential selection to the BC SPL?

The 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 link for more information regarding their evaluation program.

- COQUITLAM METRO FORD SC - <https://www.cmfdc.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>
- LANGLEY UNITED YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION - <http://www.luysa.com>
- TSS INC - <https://www.tss.ca>
- VANCOUVER UNITED FC - <https://vancouverunitedfc.com>
 - *Begin participation in September 2021*

When do evaluations begin and when do they end?

To assist with the process, the BC SPL has established the following evaluation window for 2020 for all member clubs.

- **Friday, January 31, 2020 through to Sunday, March 8, 2020**

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

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

Each BC SPL 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 daughter/son was successful in being selected to a BCSPL club?

Invitations to join a BCSPL club may be offered within the following timelines;

- **Friday, January 31, 2020 through to Sunday, March 8, 2020**
Invitations to join a BCSPL 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 16, 2020 - 6 PM Onward**
The next phase of invitations to join a BCSPL club may be offered to players who DO NOT reside inside that member club and partner clubs (regional based).
- **Sunday, March 8, 2020 - 6 PM Onward**
The final phase of invitations to join a BCSPL 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 daughter/son 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 8th, 2020. However, as a parent of a daughter or son 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 daughter or son is a longtime member of the club and its development programming.*
2. *Pleased with the service, communication, and opportunity being granted your daughter or son.*
3. *Coaching staff meet your expectations for the overall development of your daughter or son.*
4. *You have no interest in joining any other club.*

How will invitations to join a BCSPL club be communicated?

All invitations to join a BCSPL club will be in writing on official BCSPL Club 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 BCSPL clubs?

Yes, players can attend multiple evaluations at other BCSPL 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 BC SPL clubs, they can only offer invitations to players join the club under the previous presented guidelines and timelines.

What can I expect at the BC SPL 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 a BC SPL 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 daughter/son is participating in the evaluations?

It is the goal of the BC SPL 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 Mike Salmon, Soccer Development Officer, BC Soccer at michaelsalmon@bcsoccer.net

1. You are required to sign an agreement for your daughter or son 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 a BC SPL club technical director or coach violated recognized protocols and any official rules or policies within the evaluation process?

Any technical director or member of a BC SPL club coaching staff who is deemed to have contravened the above guidelines may be subject to disciplinary action.

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

- BC SPL member club internal action.
- BC SPL suspension, fine or other recognized action.

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

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