

VUFC Evaluations: Coaches & AGC's Meeting

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League structure

Elite

Whitecaps MLS and
Pre-MLS Academy (boys)
and Whitecaps REX (girls)
&

BC Soccer HPP

BCSPL

Grassroots / Recreational

Vancouver "Clubs" (eg. VUFC)

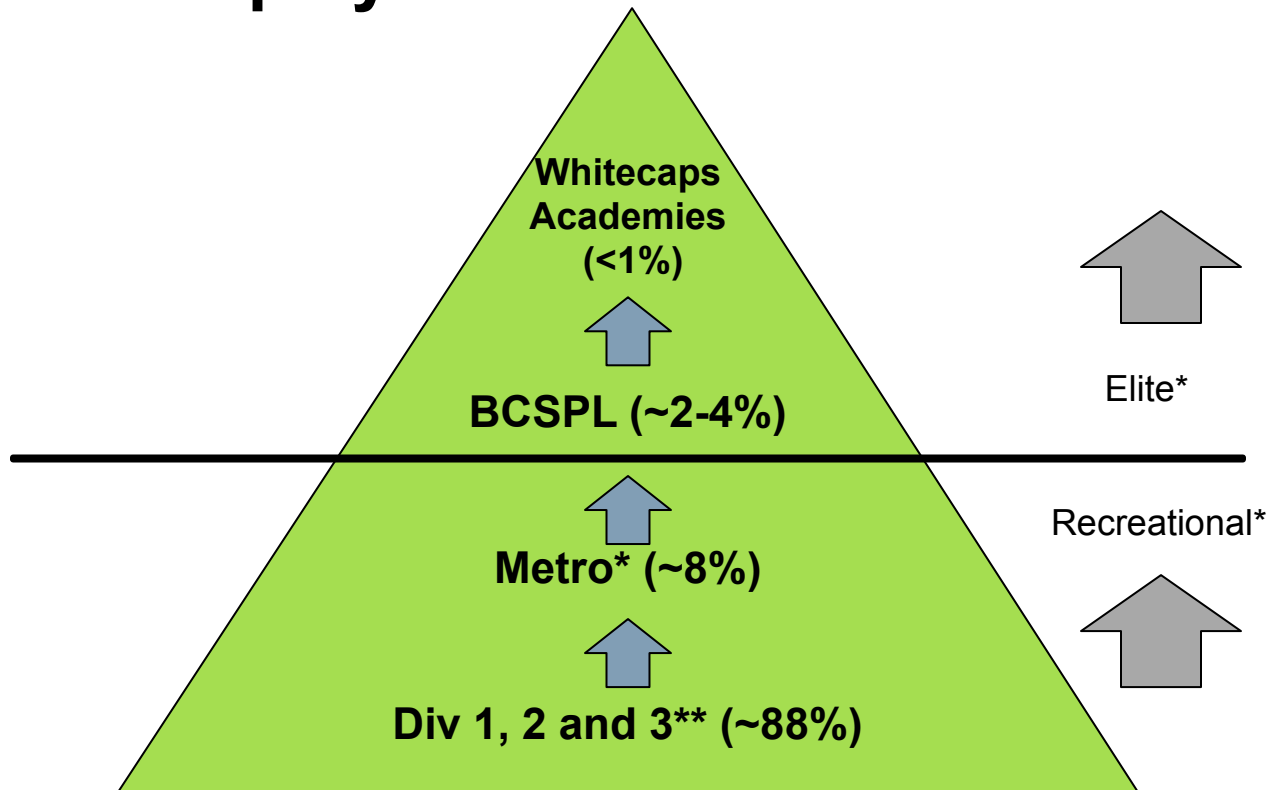
VYSA (the "District")

BCCSL (the "League")

Metro*
Div 1
Div 2
Div 3



Pyramid of play



**As defined by BC Soccer*

***Typically at VUFC, 15-25% play Div 1, 35-40% Div 2 and 40-55% Div 3; skews more to Div 2 and Div 3 at U11 and U12*



Leagues by age

Age Group	Division	League	Governing Body	Game Format
U11 & U12 Boys	Div 1	BCCSL	BCCSL	8 a side
	Div 2			
	Div 3	VYSA	VYSA	
U11 & U12 Girls	Div 1	BCCSL	BCCSL	8 a side
	Div 2			
	Div 3	VYSA	VYSA	
U13-18 Boys	BCSPL	BCSPL/BCCSL	BCSPL/BCCSL	11 a side
	Metro (U14-U18 only)			
	Div 1			
	Div 2			
	Div 3			
U13-18 Girls	BCSPL	BCSPL/BCCSL	BCSPL/BCCSL	11 a side
	Metro U14-U18 only)			
	Div 1			
	Div 2			
	Div 3			



New for this year

- Metro is only available at U14-U18
- No Metro at U13, Division 1 only.
- TD has final say on roster sizes and composition
- Aside from rare cases involving extenuating circumstances, players will only be added to rosters from (a) Alternate lists created at Phase 4 and by direction of the TD for players who move to Vancouver between the end of Evaluations and the start of the season
- **MANDATORY:** Coaches must have complete and up to date Criminal Record Check on file with the club before they will be accepted as a coach
- **MANDATORY:** Coaches must have taken the LTPD coaching course applicable to the age they are coaching (Learn to Train for U9 to U12 and Soccer for Life for U13-18)
- **MANDATORY:** Coaches must have completed the Respect in Sport Activity Leader Online course
- Evaluation policies now distinguish between parent coaches and non-parent volunteer coaches



Current U10 to U13 Age Group Coordinators

Birth year	Boys	Girls
U10 (2011 born)	Lyse & Melina	Barbara Dalpke
U11 (2010 born)	Loretta Abdi	Heather Warta
U12 (2009 born)	Rosina Reid	Amber Paul
U13 (2008 born)	Barbara Dalpke & Joanna Brewster	Jelena Radic
U14 (2007 born)	Kathy Thomas	Leah Walton



Guiding principles of VUFC Evaluations

- Objective
- Transparent
- BC Soccer and LTPD compliant
- Checks and balances
- Season long



Objective of VUFC Evaluations

- Goal of our Evaluations is to ensure all our players are put on teams that are suitable for their current level of play.
- Increases likelihood of a positive playing and training experience and thus continued play with the club.
- By then putting them in the right division we facilitate appropriate level of competition
- Reduce attrition, keeps kids playing



Structure of VUFC Evaluations

Phase 1:

VUFC staff coach reports on players

Phase 2:

Team coach Player Assessment Reports at end of season

Phase 3:

On field, end of season evaluation sessions scored by independent evaluators

Phase 4:

Opinion and notes of incoming coaches to be used with all other available data at a team formation meeting led by senior staff coaches

Team rosters are posted online at the conclusion of this process.



Phase 3: where do players start?

- For U12 to U14 Evaluations, you start Phase 3 at the level you just finished playing.
- If you want to be considered for a higher level you request that on the Phase 3 registration
- Those requests are evaluated by cross-referencing Phase 1 & 2 scores
- Invites are sent to those that a reasonable chance of making the level requested.
- Those not invited are given the opportunity to come to an extra session that precedes the Div 2 or 2 sessions if they feel strongly they should still be considered
- Players that show well at that session will be invited to the Div 1 or 2 session they requested
- Players that played in the Metro Division of BCCSL this past season and want to be considered for VanU Metro or Div 1 teams start at the Metro/Div 1 Phase 3 sessions



COVID-19: Phase 3 & 4 Evaluation Contingency Plan

In the event that we are unable to offer Phase 3 On field evaluations, the following process will apply when completing Phase 4.

- Phase 1 & 2 scores
- Academy and VTS coaches notes
- Skill Centre coaches notes
- TD, Technical Lead & Technical team discussions
- TD, Technical Team & Volunteer coaches discussion
- Ability to challenge selection process (for example: new players, players with not enough data from Phase 1 & 2 that feel they need to be re-evaluated. Be advised that those players may not be able to be evaluated until September.
- In the event we are not able to run Phase 3 as scheduled, we encourage those from other clubs who want to join VanU to register for Evaluations so we know how many players outside the club are interested and can form teams knowing we may need to save places. We will then evaluate those players when allowed.

AGC Responsibilities

- Attend Information Meetings
- Read the Evaluation Policies
- Liaise with other AGC's to ensure every player has been placed on a team
- Be aware of players new to the club (or soccer in general) and players who have chosen not to attend the Evaluations when forming Div 3 teams
- A key goal is to ensure team viability and that all players in Vancouver have a team to play. This work may extend into the summer months



Current Season Coach Responsibilities

- Complete online Player Assessment forms within the designated timelines.
 - This is critical information particularly if COVID interrupts planned Phase 3 sessions
- Complete Coach Application for next season if you plan to return as a coach
- Attend Evaluation Information Meeting.
- Notify players of evaluation dates/locations and relay evaluation policies information.
- ***Consult with players and their parents about the level they want to be evaluated for and provide guidance, as necessary, based on their knowledge of players' ability.***
- Be prepared to help warm players up while TD and Evaluators get session set up.
- Help with logistics during evaluations including managing subs during small-sided games and helping players rotate through stations.
- Do not coach players at Phase 3 sessions. Observe and record only.
- Remain neutral in comments made to players during the session and support all players equally, not just the ones from your team.
- May be asked to contribute, in person or by phone, to Team Formation Meeting to provide additional insights.
- Familiarize yourself with Evaluations Policies, and be main point of contact to answer parent/player inquiries leading up to evaluations



2021-22 Team Coach Responsibilities

- Attend Evaluation Information Meeting.
- Attend all evaluation sessions for your team, assist with the evaluation process as required and ensure you see all players over the course of the evaluations.
- Bring list of desired players to Team Formation Meeting along with notes/opinions on other players. These will be compared with Evaluator observations and completed end of season Player Assessment Forms from last season's coaches in consultation with the TD.
- Accept confirmations from team members once roster is posted and advise the TD of player confirmations.

**If you also coached this current season, consider these as being in addition to the duties listed in "Current Season's Coach"*



Role of parents

- Read the information provided by the club on our website including Evaluation Policies. Follow instructions provided.
- Register for Phase 3 well in advance.
- Do not believe or start rumours. If you hear rumours, advise people to check them against published VUFC info
- Perspective: this is not the start of a professional career or the end of the world
- Remain civilized. Kids' sports do strange things to adults



Coach selection for VUFC teams

- Coaches will be given a link to an online application
- Selection will be by staff coaches led by TD; based on positive experience, certification, history with age group, adherence to club motto of Game, Club, Community
- Where there is competition we may require meetings with prospective coaches
- Candidates are encouraged to co-coach so we can allow more to be involved
- Evaluation policies now distinguish between parent coaches and non-parent volunteer coaches



U13-18 BCCSL league and cup play

- BCCSL extends from Whistler and Sunshine Coast to Chilliwack
 - Priority is to regionalize divisions where possible
- All BCCSL divisions except Metro will be regionalized
- In January, based on results to that point, Div 1-3 teams are placed into six team League Championship Groups for rest of season to determine league champions.
- Coastal Cup play begins, can lead to Provincial Cup in July



Questions?

