



# Provincial Team Evaluation Camp Information

Dear Player and Parent:

In our efforts to continue to provide you with information regarding the Provincial Teams Program selection process, we would like to provide some valuable information and answer the following frequently asked questions.

## **Why does a player go to a Regional Evaluation Camp?**

The purpose of this and future Evaluation Camps is so the Provincial Teams Program, District Development Centre and Y League Coaching Staff may evaluate the players and their progress within a responsible and productive atmosphere. This will provide the Coaching Staff with an opportunity to assess the player's strengths, weaknesses and their potential contribution as it pertains to their selection to the Provincial Teams and Y League Programs.

The name and contact information of any player who is unsuccessful in being selected to the Provincial Teams Program will be passed onto BC Soccer's regional programming partners.

## **What happens after the Regional I D Camp**

Players that are identified will be monitored through their local District Development Centers and will be invited to attend the appropriate age and gender Provincial Team Camp in the Lower mainland

## **What is the difference between an *OPEN* and *INVITATION ONLY* Evaluation Camp?**

An *OPEN* Evaluation Camp is open to any players who wish an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to participate within the Provincial Teams Program. An *OPEN* Camp does not include the members of the previous years Provincial Teams Program. All players wishing to attend must register with the local organization.

An *INVITATION* only camp is designed to provide the coaching staff with an opportunity to invite specific players into a camp who they wish to evaluate further on their potential for selection to a final selection camp or the Provincial Teams Program.

Players do not need to attend an *OPEN* Evaluation Camp to receive an official invite to the *INVITATION* only Evaluation Camps.

A maximum of thirty - six (36) players will be eligible to attend open and invitation only camps.

## **What age groups are having Final Selection Camps in March?**

Final Selection Camps will be conducted at the Under 13 Provincial Teams Programming.

Please note, there will be no Final Selection Camps at the Under 14, 15 and 16 levels of Provincial Teams Programming.

## **Why are there NO Final Selection Camps at Under 14, 15 and 16 levels?**

This due to establishment of a recognized pyramid for player development, the ongoing advancements in regards to the National Training Center, Provincial Teams Program, Club Team scouting, District Development Centre Program, Evaluation Camp and the Regional I D Camps it has been deemed appropriate to eliminate the Final Selection Camp at these levels.

**Does attendance at an Evaluation Camp mean I have been invited to the Final Selection Camp at the Under 13 levels?**

No. The Evaluation Camp process will continue and provide the Coaching Staff with an opportunity to consider all factors prior to inviting players to the Final Selection camps in March or selection to the official squads.

**When will the Invitations be sent out to the March Final Selection Camps?**

Invitations to the BC Soccer Provincial Teams Program Final Selection Camps will begin to be sent out as near the end of *January*. The final group of invitations will be sent out no later than the start of *March*.

**How many players will be invited to the Final Selection Camps?**

There will be a maximum number of THIRTY (30) players invited into the Final Selection Camps per age group. This group of players will include no more than four (4) Goalkeepers.

**When are the Final Selection Camps?**

The Final Selection Camps for the BCSA Provincial Teams Program will take place on the following dates.

- *Under 13 Boys and Girls March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>*

**When and how will the official announcements be made for the Under 14, 15 and 16 Provincial Teams Program squads?**

The official announcement for the Under 14, 15 and 16 Provincial Teams Program squads will be made ASAP after the last Evaluation Camp. The players selected will receive a telephone call from the age group head coach, an official letter from the British Columbia Soccer Association and there will be an official release posted on the British Columbia Soccer Association's website at [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net).

**When and how will the official announcements be made for the Under 13 Provincial Teams Program squads?**

The official announcement for the Under 13 Provincial Teams Program squads will be made ASAP after the Final Selection Camp. The players selected will receive a telephone call from the age group head coach, an official letter from the British Columbia Soccer Association and there will be an official release posted on the British Columbia Soccer Association's website at [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net).

**What do I do if I do not receive an invitation to the Final Selection Camp or I am not selected to a Provincial Teams Program squad?**

We encourage you to make contact with your regional District Development Centre and Y League partner for information regarding future Evaluation Camps and opportunities.

**When are the next Evaluation Camps?**

Please refer to [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) under the Provincial Teams Program - Evaluation Camps for additional information on times and venues for any future Evaluation Camps.

**How much does it cost to attend an Evaluation Camp and what does this fee cover?**

The cost to attend BC Soccer Provincial Teams Program Evaluation Camp is a one time fee of \$10.00. If a player is invited into an invitation only Evaluation Camp there will be no additional fee required. This fee is cost recovery and is necessary due to the cost of fields, lighting, medical supplies and coaching services which is incurred during these Evaluation Camps.

**If a player is successfully selected to one of the BC Soccer Provincial Team Programs, is there a cost?**

Approximately 10 years ago the BC Soccer Membership (districts, who represent the clubs, who in turn represent the players) voted in favor of the Provincial Program to be a stand alone, pay as you pay program. Therefore, YES there is a cost associated with each program; however the program fee is based on a cost recovery formula which means each player only covers the cost for them to be apart of the program.

BC Soccer works extremely hard to keep the cost down, which means each year as the cost associated with the various programs change, so to does the cost to be involved in the program.

**If, as a family, we are experiencing financial hardship, is there a Financial Assistance Program?**

Yes, BC Soccer has a financial assistance program that one may apply for. This information will be forwarded out to the final group of players who potentially may be selected to the team.

BC Soccer also has a travel assistance program to offset costs associated with players who reside outside the Greater Vancouver. Player (and families) do not need to apply for the travel assistance program; the funds will be applied to the players account automatically, with official communication being sent to the parents.

**Officially Invited Player to Final Selection Camp Unable to Attend**

In the efforts to advance the procedures and quality of selections to the Provincial Teams Program, BC Soccer and its Soccer Development Department have established the following policy regarding a player who is officially invited to the Final Selection Camp but cannot attend. This player may still be considered for selection under the following criteria for their absence;

**Injury or Sickness**

Player must provide written confirmation from a qualified physician or physiotherapist on the details of their current and future condition as it pertains to their absence.

**Professional Soccer or National Teams Development Opportunities**

This is defined as an official trial at a recognized professional club within the FIFA Club Membership or called upon for National Team duties.

**Long Standing Commitment to;**

- *Official School or Educational Opportunities*
- *Religious Circumstances*
- *Personal Development and/or circumstances*

**Personal Circumstances and/or Tragedy**

This must be supported by written documentation outlining these circumstances and plans.

In addition, all players and parents should be aware that non participation within the Final Selection Camp provides for additional players to be invited and considered for selection during the player's absence for that particular BCSA Provincial Teams Program.

**Provincial Teams Program Eligibility**

- A player who is in good standing and registered within BC Soccer and is within the age categories as defined by BC Soccer and its constitution rules and regulations is eligible to participate within the Provincial Teams Program. *(Reference Rule 1. page 27, 28 BCSA Constitution, Bylaws, Rule & Regulations)*
- Following the selection to a Provincial Teams Program age group all players must be aware that the Provincial Teams Program takes priority over any additional soccer and sport development programming. Players must not be participating within multiple soccer programs during the duration of that year's Provincial Teams Program.
- Following the selection to a Provincial Teams Program age group a player who chooses not to report to the Provincial Teams Program may forfeit their opportunity to be considered for selection and participating within the following year of the Provincial Teams Programming.
- Players may still be considered for selection to the following year Provincial Teams Program under the following criteria for their non participation;

**Injury or Sickness**

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- *Religious Circumstances*
- *Personal Development*

**Personal Circumstances and/or Tragedy**

- The meeting of all criteria must be supported by written documentation outlining these circumstances and plans.



# Provincial Teams Program Player Selection Guidelines

Position	Technical	Leadership	Body Type	Speed
Goalkeeper	3	3	3	3
Wide Defenders	2	2	1	3
Central Defenders	3	3	3	3
Central Defensive Midfielder	3	3	2	2

Central Offensive Midfielder	3	2	1/2	2/3
Outside Midfielders	2/3	2	1/2	2/3
Forwards	2	1/2	2/3	2/3

### Technical

Ability to perform the required skills correctly, making the right decision under pressure.

1. In the development process
2. Must have the ability to perform in many pressure situations
3. Must be able to perform in any pressure situation

### Leadership

1. It is not required from this player
2. It is important that this player has some leadership qualities that will help the team, especially in high pressure situations
3. This player will have the capacity to lead the team during competition. He is able to communicate and support the coach's requests

### Body Type

1. Any athletic body condition is acceptable
2. Require some specific aspects such as: tall, strong body, short and strong, slim and quick
3. Players will fit the necessary needs as a good athlete in terms of size, strength and speed. Its is important that I mention that in our methodology the size and speed are factors for the central defenders as well as the defensive midfielders

### Speed

1. Does not need to be very fast in decisions, with and without the ball
2. Regular speed
3. Speed is a big factor to accomplish the style of play we wish

Any further questions regarding these policies please refer to the Provincial Teams Program Polices and Procedures at [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) or contact the Soccer Development Department.

BC Soccer would like to thank all the players for their commitment to the game and their participation in these Evaluation Camps.

If you have any questions regarding BC Soccer's Provincial Teams Program please feel free to contact the Soccer Development Department at (604) 299 6401.