

## **BGSC U11/12 Intake for 2021/2022 Season (2011/2010) Parent Information**

### **Covid-19**

The information contained in this document outlines the process by which BGSC places girls on to U11 and U12 teams, assigns coaches as well as provides information on the format played in those age groups.

In normal circumstances we would schedule evaluations for early March with a minimum of 3 evaluation sessions in each age group. These evaluations would be completed prior to Spring Break and the Select teams given an opportunity to participate in Spring Cascadia League soccer from April to June.

However, we are currently in Phase 1 of soccer's Return to Play that will extend until the end of February at a minimum. Phase 1 means absolutely no contact at practices and no game play. Girls must remain within their own team. To be able to conduct a fair evaluation that ensures all girls get placed at the level that is most appropriate for them the evaluators must see them under game conditions.

This means that soccer needs to be at Phase 3 or beyond before we will schedule evaluations dates as even in Phase 2, they are not permitted to play outside their cohort.

So, once we receive notice of the date of BC Soccer's move to Phase 3, we will schedule evaluations and email out to all registered BGSC players. Our goal is to be able to complete the process before the end of June.

In lieu of Spring Cascadia League play we will be running an extensive Academy program for our U8 through U18 players from mid-April to the end of June. Details on all our options will be posted on the BGSC website along with registration information before the end of February.

Regular Club registration for the 2021/2022 season will open in early March and the BGSC Board of Directors is working on a discount code for all returning players that can be applied to the 2021/2022 season. This information will be emailed out to all prior to the opening of registration.

### **1) U11/U12 – Super 8 Soccer**

- Players move to a Super 8 format (7 plus goalie). BGSC Home games for Super 8 are at Burnaby Heights Park. Occasionally can be played at Riverway if Heights is fully booked. In winter most games played on turf at Byrne Creek HS.
- The different levels/tiers. These include:
  - Select A – Div. 1/2
  - Select B – Div. 2
  - House – Div. 3

- Dimensions approx. half a full-size field, nets larger than in U10.
- Offsides are introduced in the attacking 1/3 (not at half). Will be marked on the field. Retreat zone is also 1/3rd.
- Game Duration – 30 minute halves
- Scores and Standings are not published for any level as per BC Soccer and CSA guidelines.
  - Scores and standings aren't published until U13
  - Scores at all levels are reported, but only for the purposes of making sure games are competitive (i.e. a team isn't blowing out, or being blown out every week).
- Team roster size is typically 10-13 players (as few as 10 as many as 13). Roster size for Select teams is at the discretion of BGSC and team coaches.
- Div 1 and Div 2 teams play in the BCCSL (BC Coastal Soccer League) with teams from throughout the lower mainland. Div 3 (House) teams play in a North Shore League with teams from Burnaby, New Westminster, North Vancouver, West Vancouver and Squamish.

## 2) Player selection process

- Club run evaluations will be held for any players wishing to be evaluated for a Select team. Evaluations will be club run and staffed by Spartan Academy staff.
- There will be 3 open evaluations. Players should attend all sessions. BGSC may add an additional evaluation at its discretion.
- Goalies will be evaluated at the same time as all players at the first evaluation. At that time they can let the Tech staff know if they would like to be evaluated as a Full or Part-time Keeper.
- Spartan staff will be basing Select team selection decisions on the following criteria: staff evaluation at Academy sessions during season, performance at the end of season evaluation sessions and consultation with team Coaches.
- Typically players will be offered a roster spot by the Club with 24-48 hours after the last evaluation. This will be done by email with both invites and regrets being sent to all who participated. Players must accept the spot by registering and paying online within 48 hours of the invitation to keep their spot.
- BGSC, in consultation with the Spartan staff, will determine league divisions (ie. Div 1, Div 2, House) that teams will play in based on results of player evaluations. There is no guarantee that there will be a team at the Div 1 level.

- Players that only wish to play on a house level team do not need to attend evaluations and can register online as soon as registration opens (early March).

### 3) Coach selection process

- Current Coaches will be asked by Club Coach Selection Committee to submit their intent to return to coach.
- There will be coach selection process for Select teams, or for any team where there is more than one candidate. This process can involve coaching interviews, usually by phone if necessary. The coaching selection committee will rank their coaching preferences after the interviews.
- Coaches will not be named until after the final evaluation session (or until it can be determined that their daughter will be named to the roster). BGSC policy dictates a player must make the team before the coach does (not just because their parent is a coach).

### 4) Player commitment expectations

- At coaches discretion, but Select teams will typically have two sessions per week and one game. It is at team coaches' discretion to use the Friday Night Academy as the second session. It is not mandatory for players to participate but Select level players are strongly encouraged to do so as their team will train together.
- All players will be offered the option to participate in BGSC Academy during the season to further skills. There is an additional cost for Academy.



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