

## Burnaby Girls SC U11/12 Intake for 2022/2023 Season

This information is for all players moving from U10 (2012 born) soccer into our U11 programs as well as U11 (2011) players moving onto U12 teams.

Beginning in U11 players move from placement on U8 – U10 “House” level teams to tiered teams with players being evaluated for placement based on their level of play. This enables players of similar ability the opportunity to play at their appropriate level.

### 1) League

- U11 and U12 Div 1 and Div 2 teams play in the BCCSL (BC Coastal Soccer League) with teams from throughout the lower mainland. [BC Coastal Soccer League](#)
- U11 and U12 Div 3 (House) teams play in a Burnaby league with teams from Burnaby and New Westminster

### 2) Format of Play – Super 8 Soccer

- Format is Super 8 soccer (7 players plus a GK). 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 or Burnaby Central HS turf field.
- Dimensions are 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 U11 and U12 as per BC Soccer and CSA guidelines.
  - 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.

### 3) Player Selection Process

- In March 2022 we will begin the player evaluation process for our current U10 players (2012 born) moving into U11 and current U11 (2011 born) moving into U12 wanting to play on one of our Division 1 or 2 teams.

- Players who want to play at the Division 3 level for the 2022/2023 season are not required to attend any evaluations. These players simply need to register in early March and will be placed on the U11 or U12 Division 3 team. Returning players will be given first option to claim available spots on the Division 3 teams. New players will be added after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- It is recognized that the identification process can be extremely stressful for young players. This is particularly true if player identification is done through a traditional “tryout”, which provides a relatively limited opportunity to demonstrate the ability to play in an unfamiliar and high stress environment. In addition to being stressful on young players, tryouts are also not the most effective way to evaluate players. Evaluating players on an ongoing basis over an extended period, preferably in an environment in which they are comfortable, is a better approach in terms of the effectiveness of the evaluation and in limiting the amount of stress on young players. To that end current U10 and U11 players will be viewed at their league games, practices as well as Academy sessions throughout February.
- In early March we will host 3 additional evaluation sessions for any players wanting to be considered for a Division 1 or 2 team. These sessions will be led by our BGSC-Spartan Academy staff who are also the evaluators. There will be 3 open evaluations. Players should attend all sessions. BGSC may add an additional evaluation at its discretion. Non-BGSC players are welcome, and all players must pre-register on the BGSC website. No fee.

Evaluation Information and Registration: [Burnaby Girls Soccer Club \(bgsc.ca\)](http://Burnaby Girls Soccer Club (bgsc.ca))

- Goalies will be evaluated at the same time as all players.
- 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 session. 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).

#### 4) 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 Division 1 and 2 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).

#### 5) 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.

#### 6) Cascadia Spring League

- This is a Spring League running from April until the end of June. League began in Spring 2017, BGSC will be participating again this season.  
[Cascadia Soccer League | Home](#)
- Club must submit all teams with rosters to Cascadia League by March 5th, 2022. Opening games are April 3rd. U11 Intake (2012) and U12 Intake (2011) Division 1 teams will compete this year. Teams will be coached in spring by Spartan Academy Staff Coaches.
- 10-week season of one practice and one game per week. Practices begin March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Players making one the BGSC Select teams will be invited to register for the Spring Cascadia team. Cost will be \$230 per player for the 2022 Spring season which includes paid coaching.
- Participating in Cascadia is optional for all Select players. To fill any remaining Cascadia spots the highest ranked players who did not make the Select rosters will be invited to play.
- Practice night is TBD pending April to August field contracts from the City. Likely a Tuesday or Thursday night at Burnaby Central. Games will be Sundays, home games at Burnaby Central turf or Burnaby Heights Park.



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