

BGSC U13 Intake (2009) Parent Information – 2021/2022 Season

- The purpose of our U13 Intake parent meeting is to present the U13 soccer landscape and to discuss the various options available to players.
- From U8-U12 all soccer was played within Clubs on either “Select” or “House” level teams. Beginning in U13 soccer divides into different leagues:
 - BC Soccer Premier League
 - BC Coastal League (BCCSL) Div 1, Div 2, Div. 3

1) BCSPL

- The BC Soccer Premier League runs teams from U13 to U18 and is the highest tier of competitive soccer in BC. [BC Soccer Premier League \(bcspl.ca\)](http://bcspl.ca)
- For the 2021 Intake year there will be 12 BCSPL teams in U13, 10 of which are in the lower mainland. BGSC is a partner club of Mountain United FC.
- MUFC has been running a Partner Club Academy on Sundays throughout the season for 2009 age players identified by partner clubs and run by MUFC Coaches. As emailed out to all BGSC U12 players in December, MUFC will be using this Academy to select their U13 Intake teams for 2021 as no evaluations will be held.
- Players may register to be evaluated for any BCSPL team, not limited to own region.
- Aside from U13 Intake no Open evaluations are held for current BCSPL teams. Rather players are identified through scouting and recommendation and invited to attend a regular training session.
- This is the link to the BCSPL page with further information and FAQ's on the BCSPL evaluation process posted in Nov 2020.
[BC Soccer - Premier League - U13 \(2009\) Evaluation and Selection FAQ's \(CC format edit\)\[1\] \(squarespace.com\)](https://www.squarespace.com)

2) Burnaby District Metro Selects Program (BDMS) and New BCCSL Structure for 2021

- In the past 6 seasons Burnaby has run a District run Metro program, led by a steering committee made up of all partner clubs in the Burnaby District (BGSC, Cliff Ave, New West, SBMC and Wesburn). Registration fee for Burnaby District Selects players for the 2020/2021 season was \$725 and these teams compete in the Metro division of the BC Coastal Soccer League (BCCSL). [BC Coastal Soccer League](http://bccoastalsoccerleague.ca)
- Beginning in September 2021 there will no longer be a Metro tier in the BCCSL. The BCCSL for U13 age group and moving forward will consist of 3 tiers – Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3. [BCCSL-Division-1-Placement-v2.pdf \(bccoastalsoccerleague.ca\)](https://www.bccoastalsoccerleague.ca/BCCSL-Division-1-Placement-v2.pdf)

- All U14 and older teams BDMS teams will be grandfathered and continue to compete in 4 divisions (Metro, Div.1, Div. 2, and Div. 3).
- With the changes to the BC Coastal League for U13 the Burnaby District is still in discussions as to how the District intends to submit a team into Division 1 of the BCCSL. None of the 3 District based girls Clubs - BGSC, CAU or New Westminster, on their own will meet the requirements that the BCCSL has asked for incoming teams to U13 with regards to calibre of players in U12.
- More discussions at the District level will take place on Feb 22, 2021 and as soon as more information is available it will be passed on to current BGSC U12 players.

3) BC Coastal League – BGSC Div. 1/Div. 2/Div. 3

- BGSC currently runs teams in the BCCSL in Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 from U14 through U18. Players are no longer classified as “Select” or “House” teams as they were in U11 and U12.
[BC Coastal Soccer League](#)
- The BCCSL has made significant changes to U13 beginning in September 2021.
[BCCSL-Division-1-Placement-v2.pdf \(bccostalsoccerleague.ca\)](#)
- The league will move from 4 divisions (Metro, Divisions 1, 2 and 3) to only 3 divisions (Divisions 1, 2 and 3).
- This will mean changes to what divisions teams are placed with all U13 BGSC teams likely being placed in Division 2 or Division 3. These two divisions will be tiered into levels as well based on results.
- Roster size is typically 16 players in U13, maximum of 18 players allowed under league rules.

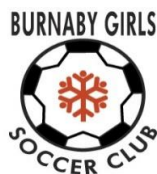
4) BGSC Player Evaluations for BGSC U13 teams

- Traditionally BGSC hold evaluations for the BGSC U13 teams in early March. As we are under Phase 1 guidelines of no contact at soccer will postpone any BGSC evaluations until soccer has returned to Phase 3 of Return to Play at a minimum. This will enable our independent evaluators to view the players in game conditions.
- The number of teams in an age group is governed by the number of players attending evaluations and registering within the age group.

- All teams must be submitted to the District to be included for league play that begins in September by mid-June.
- BGSC, in consultation with the Spartan Academy staff, will recommend divisions (ie. Div. 1, 2 or 3) that teams will play in based on results of player evaluations. Final decision is at the District level when teams are submitted to the league.
- Goalies will be evaluated during regular evaluations. Players can indicate on evaluation registration form that they are wanting to be a full or part time goalkeeper.
- Typically, players will be offered a roster spot within 24-48 hours after the last evaluation. Players must accept the spot by registering and paying online within 48 hours of the invitation to keep their spot.
- Coach Selection Committee will gather applications and complete a coach selection process if there is more than one candidate. This process can involve coaching interviews, usually by phone if necessary. A player must make the team before the coach does (not just because their parent is a coach).
- Player commitment expectations
 - At Coaches discretion, but typically two practice sessions per week and one game.
 - Coach to determine players involvement in BGSC Academy, cost is extra.
 - No problems with players participating in other sports, but commitment to soccer and expectation will be set by coach.

5) The changes at the U13 Game

- 11 aside/Full Field
- Larger rosters – typically 16 and up to max. of 18 players
- Full size ball (size 5)



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