



FROM THE OFFICES OF THE TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

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## **BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE VISITING PROGRAM**

Dear Player and Parent:

The British Columbia Soccer Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a District Development Centre Program Visit. In our efforts to continue to provide you with information regarding the District Development Centre Program and the Development Programs, we would like to provide some valuable information and answer the following frequently asked questions.

### **What is a District Development Centre?**

The British Columbia Soccer Associations *District Development Centre Program* has been developed to establish a Provincial wide Development strategy as it pertains to Players, Coaches and Officials participating in the game of soccer within BC.

The establishment of a recognized structure for the development of the game and it's participants within British Columbia are a key components to this strategy. The creation of this structure will assist the Technical Department in becoming more efficient and progressive in implementing its Province wide Player, Coaching and Officials Development programming.

### **What are the benefits of being involved in a DDC Program?**

The District Development Centre Program will provide a sustainable, recognized and supported development program. This program will offer the following to its players and coaches.

- *Established Player Development Guidelines and the Introduction of a Monitoring and Reporting Structure*
- *Standardized Visiting Schedule for Player and Coaching Evaluations*
- *Development Information / Resource Material for Players, Coaches and Officials*
- *Policies and Procedures for Access to National Training Centre Programming, Provincial Teams Programming, Y League and Intra Provincial League Programming for Players, Coaches and Officials*





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- *Coaching and Officials Certification Programming and Support*
- *Opportunities for Management and Leadership Roles within Regional Programming and Competition*  
(i.e. Intra Provincial League)

The establishment of the District Development Centre Program was only the first step; the second will be the consistent nurturing, evaluation and encouragement of the Players, Coaches and Officials to reach their goals. It will be through a monthly visiting schedule that the Technical Department will be able to provide information, guidance and monitor the methodology of each of the centres. In addition to this visiting schedule the District Development Centre Program will provide an environment which will challenge the players.

#### **Why are we here today?**

The purpose of this and future District Development Centre Program visits is providing the BCSA Technical Department and its Staff Coaches and opportunity to evaluate the players and their progress within a responsible and productive atmosphere. In addition, this will provide an opportunity to observe the coaches as they work closely with the players within the DDC Program. Player's will be assessed on their strengths, weaknesses which formulate into an invitation into future Provincial Teams Program Evaluation Camps.

#### **What is the difference between an Evaluation Camp and a DDC Visit?**

A DDC Visit is a scheduled visit to all regional partners of the DDC Program and may focus on all aspects and age groups of the BCSA and its Player Development Program. An Evaluation Camp is specific scouting and evaluation opportunity which is based on a particular age group within the Provincial Teams Programming.

#### **Can players be invited into Evaluation Camps following a DDC Visit?**

Yes. This is one of the officially recognized evaluation and scouting procedures for the British Columbia Soccer Association and its Player Development Model. Information regarding participating players will be passed onto the BCSA Technical Staff and the Provincial Teams Program age group Head Coaches. An *INVITATION* to an Evaluation Camp may only come from a specific age group Head Coach.

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





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**When are the Evaluation Camps?**

Please refer to [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) to confirm the appropriate dates and times for further Evaluation Camps. All enquires should be directed to the age group Head Coach.

**How many DDC Visits are there?**

The DDC Visiting schedule begins in September and runs through to March each season. Please refer to your DDC Head Coach or go to [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) for the appropriate DDC Visiting schedule.

**What do I do if I do not receive an invitation to an Evaluation or Final Selection Camp?**

If you are an Under 13 or Under 14 player we encourage you to make contact with your regional District Development Centre, Intra Provincial League and Y League partner for information regarding future Evaluation Camps and opportunities. In addition, Under 15, 16 and 17 players should also contact your regional Y League partner for information regarding future Evaluation Camps and opportunities. Please refer to [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) for additional information regarding these programs.

Any further questions regarding these policies should be directed to the Technical Department.

The British Columbia Soccer Association would like to thank all the players for their commitment to the game and their participation in the District Development Centre Program. If you have any questions regarding the District Development Centre Program please feel free to contact the Technical Department at (604) 299 6401.

Kind Regards,  
Technical Department  
British Columbia Soccer Association

