



# PLAYER'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

To truly provide a “player-first” environment, our club adopts the principle of the **Player's Right to Choose**. This principle recognizes every player has the right to choose or change their soccer environment without pressure, coercion, or recrimination. If those choices fit within the selection and league transfer windows, the player must feel free and unencumbered.

While we do not encourage players to continually “shop” around the soccer community for what they perceived to be a “better” team, it is not the place of our club, nor any of its officials, to stand in the way of those decisions in any way or manner. We do however encourage the player to complete their commitment until the end of the respective season.

## **Multiple Soccer Environments**

While a player can only be registered with one BC Soccer team/club, a player may participate in multiple soccer environments. Those environments may take the form of private training programs, academies etc and we aware some players (parents) may seek “extra” training outside of the Club.

Our Club is committed to providing the necessary programming to fulfill every player's needs. We have aligned with Strive Health and Performance to ensure our players and parents understand the importance of loading. We are committed to protecting our players health and our sessions are designed accordingly. We do not require the player to inform our club of the name of the additional soccer environment in which they are participating but we encourage them to check with the coach and Strive staff as to the possible risks.

## **Attending Evaluations at Other Clubs**

There may be situations when a BFC player wishes to attend an evaluation at another club. We completely support that choice. While ideally, we would like to be given the opportunity to remedy the situation if a player is unhappy with their soccer environment, the player is under no obligation to inform us about attending evaluations at other programs. If our club is informed about a player attending an evaluation, there will be no recriminations whatsoever. We may ask to meet with the player and parent to find out if we can remedy the situation, but the player and parent is under no obligation to do so. If the player is determined to leave the team (Club) before the end of the season, we will support that choice and issue a refund, according to the club's refund policy. Supporting the right of a player to choose is fundamental to a player-first environment and ultimately holds the Club accountable for the program they offer.

