



# BFC SPRING POLICY

All registered players at Burnaby FC are assessed over the course of the entire year which includes the Spring season, Fall/Winter season and at the Development Centre (ages U8-U13).

BFC Technical staff observe players at training and games over an extended period to evaluate what is the best environment for them to be placed from a development perspective. With the fluid roster process, players may be asked to play at different levels to better observe them in a different playing environment. BFC Technical staff reserve the right to move players to a level which is in the best interest of the players' long-term development and enjoyment of the sport. All players develop at different rates, no player is ever "set" on a team or level as they may need to be moved up a level or down a level to support them on their soccer journey.

To ensure players are placed at the appropriate level at their current stage of development the Club will have three player placement adjustments during the year. These will occur in late November for BC SPL selections and possible changes to BCCSL teams (this is more likely at U11-U13 than it is at U14-U18); late February for Cascadia Spring League team selections with the following Fall/Winter season in mind and early-June for confirmation of placement for the following Fall/Winter BCCSL season. Coaches will remind players of what specific improvements are needed to either stay or move up a level one month (minimum) prior to informing the player of a change in their playing level. Recommendations from coaches and senior technical staff will be utilized to finalize player placements.

BFC has implemented a registration system whereby all U11-U18 players pay a base fee when they register for the Fall/Winter season. High Performance (Division 1/Metro) invitations will be sent June 8, 2024 (for the following Sept-Dec window) **only** to players who have registered and paid the base fee. Due to high interest in obtaining an HP position and the need to provide other players a chance to consider other options, players (parents) are required to accept the invitation and pay the additional HP fee within 48 hours to secure their spot (or advise they are turning it down). Once the HP selections are confirmed all players will be notified of their placement across all divisions. Players wishing to be assessed may submit an [Evaluation Request Form](#) and/or notify their coach.

## **BFC Assessment Windows**

January 1st- February 15 (player placements confirmed by March 15)

April 1 – May 30 (player placements confirmed by June 15)

September 15 – November 15 (player placements confirmed by December 15)

