



## Frequently Asked Questions Divisional

### When is registration for Divisional?

Registration for the 2024 Fall/Winter season is now closed but you can join our [waitlist](#). We are continuously looking to add coaches in order to add teams. If we are successful in adding coaches then we will look to add teams and players from the waitlist. If you wish to become a coach with BFC please [contact us](#).

### When does the season start?

Fall/Winter season starts with practices the first week of September. The BFC Labour Day Tournament is a great way to Kick-Off the season with your new team.

### When does the season end?

Fall/Winter league season finishes before Spring Break. Teams who qualify for provincials (U14-U18) may continue into July for the tournament.

### Where and when will my child practice?

Training times and location should be confirmed by July 31 and can be found on TeamSnap.

### What happens if my child's kit does not fit?

Our kit is based on a two-year cycle starting in 2023. We recommend that families allow for growth when choosing their size. After the initial handout there will be an opportunity to exchange any unworn items (this does not apply to our custom kit for player who are sized in the pre-season). If you require a new piece of kit in 2024, please contact [here](#).

### Why is the kit on a two-year cycle?

adidas usually limits availability of a jersey design to two years so we have committed to a jersey which will be available for the next two years. Our jersey sponsor agreements are also based on a two-year cycle. We have committed to a high-quality kit which can easily last two years. We are also sensitive to the amount of extra kit players will accumulate over the years.

### What do I do if I lose some of my kit?

Please contact our kit manager [here](#).

### When and where will goalkeeper training be held?

Please visit [here](#) for information on our Goalkeeping Development.

### When will I hear from my coaches about the season starting?





You will hear from your coaches in August for the 2024-2025 season. Most of our divisional teams will start training in late August, subject to coach availability.

### **How do I request to play with a friend, carpool partner or coach?**

You can request to play with a friend by noting it on your registration or emailing our [Operations Manager](#).

### **I think my child has been placed in the wrong division, how can this be changed?**

Players are continuously being evaluated throughout the season and can be moved up or down to ensure they are playing in the best place for their development. If you feel your child is not playing at the right level, please contact your head coach who will notify the appropriate Senior Staff Coach who can arrange for an assessment at a higher level. Players are also encouraged to register in our [Development Centre](#) for further assessment.

### **Our team was in a lower division last year but we think it should be a higher division this year, what do we do?**

If your coach feels you should be playing in a higher division, they should contact the Senior Staff Coach responsible for their team and it can be discussed among our technical staff who can liaise with the coach and/or the league if necessary.

### **How will I know when games or practices are cancelled? Why would games or practices be cancelled?**

You will be notified via your TeamSnap, and we will also post it on our social media channels. We recognize the importance for parents/players to be advised as soon as is possible. There are many reasons a game or practice can be cancelled (air quality, snow, heavy rain etc.).

### **Are there washrooms and what is the protocol for my child to go?**

Most of the fields BFC uses have public washrooms. Players should tell their coach/manager if they need to use the washroom and be shown where they are and depending on their age can be accompanied by team manager.

### **How do I volunteer to become a coach?**

Please visit our coaches' section on the [website](#) or [contact us](#).





### What if I cannot afford the fees?

Burnaby FC is committed to ensuring any player who wishes to participate in our programming should not be limited by financial restrictions. Our [Financial Assistance Policy](#) outlines the options available and is available on our website programs section and in our resources section.





### **What is the difference in all the levels? Division 1, Division 1A**

The BCCSL at U11-U13 will consist of Division 1A (highest level) and Division 1 for the 2024-2025 season as well as Division 2A, Division 2 and Division 3. From U14-U16 it will be Division 1, 2 and 3 and from U17-U18 it will be Metro, Division 1, 2 and 3

### **Will my team from last year stay together?**

Our intent is to keep teams together however players will be placed at the level our technical staff feel they need to be to maximize their development. This is also subject to coach availability, player requests, team balancing and returning player registration.

### **What is Development Centre?**

Our DC (U8-U14) is run by Nationally Certified Coaches, following CSA and BCSA guidelines and recommendations, including the LTPD (Long-Term Player Development). Our Player-centred programming emphasizes the development of each individual player, to reach their full potential. For more information visit [here](#).

### **Do I have to be on a team to sign up for Development Centre?**

No, you do not have to be currently playing for a BFC team.

