



2014 U13-U18 Richmond Thanksgiving Tournament Team Information

Thank-you for participating in the 2014 Richmond Thanksgiving Tournament. This year's tournament is hosted by "Richmond Soccer"- Richmond FC (Boys) and Richmond Girls Soccer Association, and we are looking forward to hosting 92 boys and girls U13-U18 teams from across BC.

The Boys Tournament Hub is located at Minoru Oval (7191 Granville Avenue). The Girls Tournament Hub is located at Boyd (corner of Francis Rd. and #1 Rd.). All games U13-U18 are spread out across a variety of fields in Richmond both grass and turf. The Hub provides information, general co-ordination, tournament draws/score reporting and medal presentations.

Games and General Information

1. There is no pre-game check-in. Please have your ID cards or registrar letter and team lists ready for each game. Pick-ups must be from the same level or lower (REMINDER: Metro and BCSPL are not eligible to play in the tournament).
2. Washrooms will be available at, or near all fields – either at nearby community centres or porta-potties.
3. Please read the rules ahead of time (below). Game lengths are:
 - U13-U15 30 minute halves (where U15/16 is combined – 35 minute halves)
 - U16-U18 35 minute halves
4. No games have overtime. FIFA penalty shots for finals only.
5. Scores are to be reported by **winning team only (in the event of a tie, both teams report) as follow:**
 - BOYS text to 778-834-7972
 - GIRLS text to 604-230-4902
 - **You may also report scores in person to your Tournament Hub
 - **Scores must be reported with 30 minutes of finishing game
6. Results to date will be posted at www.richmondfc.ca and www.richmondgirlssoccer.com on Saturday evening.
7. *****WARM-UP AT BOYD AT***:** warming up between the turf fields on Boyd AT is not permitted (except those with the first time slot of the day). Teams seen to be warming up on the turf will be asked to leave. There is not enough space and it is distracting and inconsiderate to the teams playing their games.
8. *****VIEWING AT ALL TURF FIELDS***:** Only players, team coaches, tournament officials and referees are permitted on the turf (AT) fields. Spectators are to watch games from bleachers or outside fence. Spectators on the turf fields will be asked to move off.
9. *****ONLY WATER IS PERMITTED ON TURF FIELDS***:** please do not bring coffee, tea, juice, etc... or food snacks on to the turf field.
10. Medals will be presented at the Boyd hub for Girls and Minoru Hub for Boys. Presentations will take place following the final of each group if a final is played, or after the last game of the winning team in a round robin grouping.

Problems and Issues

1. We need to keep games to schedule. Please be ready to play at assigned time.
2. If no referee is present, report this as below so that we can try to remedy the absence, but you must start the game yourselves within 10 minutes of the assigned time. Each team will referee one half, unless both agree on one person refereeing the whole game.
3. The tournament rules will answer many questions. If not, ask at the Hub, or call the tournament directors as follows:

Girls Tournament Director/Scheduling: Kim Seaborn 604-203-4902

Boys Tournament Director/Scheduling, Logistics & Volunteers: Tania Webster 778-834-7972

Referee Scheduler: Stew MacPherson 778-990-4480

Discipline (via Tournament Directors): Bob Harrison 604-313-5296



2014 Richmond Thanksgiving Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. FIFA rules apply, except as modified by tournament rules.
2. Only BC Soccer registered players and teams can take part in the tournament. TEAMS MAY PICK UP PLAYERS FROM OTHER REGISTERED TEAMS OF THE SAME OR LOWER CALIBRE ONLY. ANYONE BREAKING THIS RULE IS LIABLE TO DISQUALIFICATION. TEAMS SHOULD BE OWN TEAM WITH MINIMUM ADDITIONS TO FIELD A TEAM. NO STACKED TOURNAMENT TEAMS.
3. Team lists (2 copies) must be provided at each game. ID cards required.
4. A player may only play for one team in the tournament.
5. All players must play at least half of every game.
6. Home teams wear alternates if required, and provide the game ball. In the finals, the 2nd place team is home.
7. Everyone likes tournaments to run to time. All games will start on time. There will be a maximum 5 minutes grace – any team without 7 players 5 minutes after scheduled time will default (score = 3-0), and/or may face further penalty.
8. All games will be:
U13 – U15: Two 30 minute halves
U16 – U18: Two 35 minute halves.
Where U15/U16 is combined games will be two 35 minute halves.
All games maximum 5-minute half-time. There will usually be assistant referees for U16-U18 games. For all other games, each team provides a linesman to indicate only when the ball is out of play. These linesmen are NOT to signal offsides.
9. Final games (only), which are tied after regular time will go straight to FIFA penalty shots.
10. Report all scores as follows: BOYS – text to 778-834-7972 or in person to Minoru Hub within 30 minutes of game end. Boys tournament draws will only be posted at Minoru. GIRLS – text to 604-230-4902 or in person to Boyd Hub within 30 minutes of game end. Girls tournament draws will only be posted at Minoru.
11. U13 and older teams play a competitive tournament. 1st and 2nd place teams receive medals.
12. Division format is dependent on number of entries. Divisions are either 4-game round robin with winner and runner-up determined on points OR 3-game round robin with winner and runner-up determined by final game.
13. Points are allotted as follows:
win = 3 points
tie = 1 point
loss = 0 points.
If points are even, tie-breakers will be used in the following order (i.e., a. first, then b. if still tied, then c, then d):
a. Head-to-head results
b. Goal difference (goals for minus goals against, max. 3 per game)
c. Least total goals conceded
d. Coin toss
14. The Discipline Committee will review all discipline issues after each game. Red cards incur an automatic next game suspension, plus possible further penalty. Suspensions will be referred to a player's home District in case suspensions carry over to league play.
15. Any protests need to be submitted within 10 minutes of game end, in writing, to the Hub desk. The Tournament Committee's decision is final.
16. If the players, coaches or supporters of any team are found to have abused (including verbally) any referee or official, that team risks instant disqualification, as does any team causing an abandoned game, or involved in gross misconduct.
17. The Tournament Committee can clarify or amend rules as appropriate.