

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
RICHMOND THANKSGIVING  
SOCCER TOURNAMENT**



**U13-U18 Team Information, Rules and Field Locations**

Thank-you for participating in the 2017 Richmond Thanksgiving Tournament. We are excited to be hosting 108 teams from across BC in both the U13-U18 Tournament and U11/U12 Festival. Thank-you to the City of Richmond Parks & Recreation for the fantastic facilities!

***Thank-you to our amazing SPONSORS:***



The Boys Tournament Headquarters is located at Minoru 2/Minoru 3 fields (6820 Gilbert Rd). All games U13-U18 are spread out across a variety of fields in Richmond both grass and turf. The Headquarters provides information, general co-ordination, tournament draws/score reporting and medal presentations. **McGuire's Patty Wagon (food truck) will be at Minoru.**

### Games and General Information

- 1. There is no pre-game check-in. However, all U13-U18 players will receive a tournament water bottle, so please stop by the Minoru tournament desk to pick-up for your team.**
- 2. We are supporting the **Richmond Food Bank** this Thanksgiving and we encourage all players to bring one non-perishable item. This can be brought to the Minoru tournament desk.*
- 3. Please have your ID cards or registrar letter/photo ids and team lists ready for each game.** Pick-ups must be from the same level or lower (REMINDER: Metro and BC SPL are not eligible to play in the tournament).
4. Washrooms will be available at, or near all fields – either at nearby community centres or porta-potties.
5. 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
6. No games have overtime. FIFA penalty shots for finals only.
7. Scores are to be reported by **winning team only (in the event of a tie, both teams report) as follow:**  
Text to 778-834-7972  
Scores must be reported with 30 minutes of finishing game  
You may also report scores in person to the Tournament Desk
8. Results to date will be posted at [www.richmondfc.ca](http://www.richmondfc.ca) through the day and at the tournament desk draw.
9. **\*\*\*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.
10. **\*\*\*ONLY WATER IS PERMITTED ON TURF FIELDS\*\*\*:** please do not bring coffee, tea, juice, etc... or food snacks on to the turf field.
11. Medals will be presented at the Minoru Headquarters. 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 tournament desk, or call the tournament directors as follows:

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

**Referee Scheduler: Emad Ghashghaee 604-727-7724**

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

**SCROLL DOWN FOR TOURNAMENT RULES**

## 2017 Richmond Thanksgiving Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. FIFA rules apply, except as modified by tournament rules. U13 RETREAT LINE IS IN EFFECT.
2. Only BC Soccer registered players and teams and affiliate clubs can take part in the tournament. TEAMS MAY PICK UP PLAYERS FROM OTHER REGISTERED TEAMS OF THE SAME OR LOWER CALIBRE ONLY. TEAMS SHOULD BE OWN TEAM WITH MINIMUM ADDITIONS TO FIELD A TEAM. NO STACKED TOURNAMENT TEAMS. NO METRO OR BC SPL PLAYERS. ANYONE BREAKING THIS RULE IS LIABLE TO DISQUALIFICATION.
3. Team lists (2 copies) must be provided at each game. **ID cards required. If ID cards are not produced then it is an automatic forfeit and a friendly will be played. If you are picking up a player, per eligibility, please ensure that you have the player's ID card.**
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 off sides.
9. Final games (only), which are tied after regular time will go straight to FIFA penalty shots.
10. **Report all scores as follows:** Text to 778-834-7972 or in person to Minoru Tournament Desk within 30 minutes of game end. Boys 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. Minimum 3 games guaranteed.
13. Points are allotted as follows:  
win = 3 points (goal differential will be a maximum 3 per game)  
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 15 minutes of game end, in writing, to the Tournament 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.

## FIELD LOCATIONS:

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO CITY OF RICHMOND FIELD SITE](#) (grass fields may say "closed" as they are not open during week)

### MINORU TOURNAMENT DESK LOCATION (6820 Gilbert Road):

