



RICHMOND SPRING LEAGUE

April 28 to June 28

2014 COACHES GUIDE AND INFORMATION



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Richmond Spring Soccer League 2014

Dates

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| April 28 | League starts @ Boyd (Date varies by age group, see age group schedules). |
| May 10 | Photo Day (schedule to be circulated) |
| May 17-18 | May Long Weekend. No soccer Saturday, but soccer is on for the Monday |

Spring League Contacts

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| Co-ordinator/Registration | Tania Webster | admin@richmondsoccer.com |
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| Co-ed U11/U12 Coordinator | Rein Weber | u13-u15_coordinator@richmondsoccer.com |
| Co-ed U13/U14 Coordinator | Rein Weber | u13-u15_coordinator@richmondsoccer.com |
| Richmond Youth Soccer (boys) | | www.richmondsoccer.com |
| Richmond Girls Soccer | | www.richmondgirlssoccer.com |

Summer and Fall-Winter Soccer

Richmond's boys and girls soccer clubs offer year-round opportunities to play the sport.

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| Summer Vacation Camps | Will be posted on RYSA and RGSA websites when available |
| Boys Fall/Winter Soccer | Sept-March. Register at www.richmondsoccer.com by end-June |
| Girls Fall/Winter Soccer | Sept-March. Register at www.richmondgirlssoccer.com by end-June |

We also encourage all players, especially the younger ones, to also play other sports offered by Richmond's 50 community sports groups. See www.richmondsports.ca

Welcome to the Richmond Spring League 2014

Thank you for coaching, managing or assisting with the Richmond Spring Soccer League – you are making youth soccer possible. Our sport will continue to thrive if we all make the players our priority - having fun, learning skills and developing a love and passion for soccer. In addition to administration, this Guide outlines important information about making soccer truly “player-centred”.

“Let the Kids Play”

Soccer is a game. It is for playing. It is for fun. It is for challenge. It is for development and growth. Sport is only for its players. We ask all parents, spectators and team officials to offer absolutely essential support, assistance and encouragement, but to stay in the background, and let the players be the deserved focus of the attention.

Small-Sided Soccer

Soccer organizations worldwide encourage increased use of small-sided games in player development.

All Richmond Spring League soccer is “small-sided games”, part of Richmond’s long-term soccer development program to develop a life-long love of sport and promote soccer excellence for those who aspire to play soccer at the highest level. Richmond’s soccer programs are designed to be “second to none”, and are programs are entirely designed and focused on player’s needs for enjoyment and development.

Our program follows the BC Soccer and National Player Development Model. Modifications of the FIFA Laws of the Game for each age group apply.

Richmond Spring League

Spring League should be seen as part of a "development program with games", not a competitive league.

All coaches, managers, parents and players should be aware that Spring League games are NON-COMPETITIVE; teams are not playing for league titles, cups or endorsement contracts. The emphasis is on enjoyment of soccer and the best development of as many players as possible. The more we develop players’ skills, the more players will enjoy soccer, they will keep playing, and they will progress to their maximum potential. No scores or league standings will be issued. All players play equal time.

Supplementary Player Training “Friday Night Skills”

In addition to the training received as part of practices and games, all players are encouraged to attend the supplementary skills development sessions (there is no charge) every Friday evening from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Hugh Boyd AT. Coached by our professional staff coaches, these sessions are an excellent way for players of all calibres to build their soccer skills.

Information for Coaches and Managers

1. The **Richmond Spring League Coordinators** are your main contacts. See Contact List.
2. **Coaches are the most important influence** on players. Coaches who positively mentor and help players will give them a lifelong enjoyment of the game. As standings are not kept, coaches can focus on how the players play the game rather than the final score. A great season is not measured by the “win/loss record”; it is measured by all players being keen to sign up for next season and by all players finishing the season as better soccer players than they were in April.
3. **Get to know the age-specific modifications of the FIFA Laws of the Game.** These are listed on pages 6 to 8 of this Guide. For more information, see www.bcsoccer.net - look in "Rules/Grassroots".
4. **Referees are in charge of the game.**
Most of the referees for U-9 and older games are young soccer players themselves who have become certified referees. They have extensive training and they know the laws of the game but some of them will have limited refereeing experience. They need coaches' and parents' support and respect in carrying out their duties. Dissent from team officials or players is unacceptable.
5. **Supplementary Development.**
Please encourage you players to attend the free development sessions every Friday evening . Hugh Boyd AT 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Professional coaching at no extra charge.

Game Schedules

Schedules for all games will be posted on the RYSA website www.richmondsoccer.com
Please be sure to get to the field well ahead of time to start games on time.

Practices

For U5 to U8 teams there will be five training and development sessions integrated into the regular game sessions.

For U9 and up, we have limited practice sessions (run by the parent volunteers) and have focused the season more on getting out and playing the game.



Spring Micro Soccer 2014 Under 5 to Under 8 Rules of Play

**PLEASE NOTE: NO
GOALKEEPERS AT
U-5 TO U-6**

Welcome to Spring Micro Soccer

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Small-Sided Soccer Rule Summary (Check with the other coach on uncertain issues)

| AS FIFA EXCEPT: | U5/U6 Co-ed | U7 Boys, U8 Boys and U7/8 Girls |
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| Field (approx yds.) | 17W * 34L running East/West | 17W * 34L running East/West |
| | Will be set up ahead, but we ask that if you are the last session of the day (either the weekday or weekend) to help take down the fields. | Will be set-up ahead, but we ask that if you are the last session of the day (either the weekday or weekend) to help take down the fields. |
| Ball | Size 3 | Size 3 |
| Players on field | 3 v 3 | 4 v 4 (with GK) |
| Goalkeepers | None | yes |
| Playing Time | All players must have EQUAL playing time. Subs each 2 minutes. | |
| Equipment | Soccer boots and shin-pads mandatory. | |
| Referee | No referees. Coaches and parents act as on-field facilitators | |
| Game Length | 3 * 12 mins | 2 * 20 mins |
| Horn | Horn-blower supplied. See posted schedule on website. Substitute as suits at stoppages | Horn-blower supplied. See posted schedule on website. Substitute as suits at stoppages |
| Playing Format | Teams are ~ 12. Split into two halves of 4-6 players – home and away teams. | |
| | 8 minute team warm up. Followed by 3 12-minute games. Games #1-#3: home team stays; away team rotates clockwise to next field at end of each game | 8 minute team warm up followed by: U7 Boys – 3, 12-minute games. Games #1-#3: home team stays; away team rotates clockwise to next field at end of each game U7/8 Girls and U8 Boys – 2, 20-minute games. Follow schedule posted on website. |
| Scoring | Score from anywhere on field. No offside rule. | |
| Fouls | Indirect free kick to other team for tripping, punching, kicking, tackle from behind, hand ball. Coach to sub and instruct if bad foul play. | |
| Kick-off | All players in own half. Opponents retreat 5 m | |
| Free Kicks | All indirect. Defenders retreat 5 m. No penalty kicks | |
| Ball out of bounds on end line | Have coach or parent gently roll a new ball back into play | Opponent retreats 5 meters for goal kick or corner kick |
| Ball out of bounds – on sides | As above. | Throw-ins, goal kicks and corner kicks will be introduced. |

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Spring Soccer 2014

Under 9 to Under 14 Rules of Play

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Small-Sided Soccer Rule Summary

Check with the referee and the other coach on uncertain issues. Goals and fields may vary on AT, move goals as required Do NOT set up fields larger than below. The smaller the field the better for enjoyment and development. Too-large fields only encourage ugly, “hoof it” long-ball soccer.

| AS FIFA EXCEPT: | U9/10 Boys and U9/10 Girls | Under 11/12 Co-ed and U13/14 Co-ed |
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| Field (approx yds.) | 34 * 54 | 54 * 70 |
| Ball | Size 4 | Size 4 |
| Players on field | 7 v 7 (including goalie) | 8 v 8 (including goalie) |
| Playing Time | All players must have EQUAL playing time. Encourage all to play in goal. Minimum 2 keepers per game. Subs at stoppages with ref's permission | |
| Equipment | Soccer boots and shin-pads mandatory. | |
| Referee | Teams appoint if absent. | |
| Game Length | 2 * 25 mins | 2 * 25 mins |
| Scoring | No goals direct from goal-kick, corner-kick or throw-in | |
| Offside | None. Please encourage controlled passing and discourage long ball/"goal-suck" soccer | In attacking 1/3 only. Cones on side if no lines |
| Fouls | Coach to sub and instruct if bad foul play | Cards Issued |
| GK Passback Rule | None | Applies |
| GK 6 Second Rule | None | Applies |
| Kick-off | All players in own half. Opponents retreat distance below | |
| Free Kicks | All indirect | As FIFA |
| Penalty Kicks | None | As FIFA, 9 m from goal |
| Throw-In | Retake if foul | As FIFA |
| Goal Kick | Anywhere in penalty area. Opponents retreat. Ball must leave pen. area | |
| Corner Kick | As FIFA | As FIFA |
| Set Pieces – Opponents Retreat | 8 metres | 9 metres |
| Lop-Sided Games. | There is no fun or learning from lop-sided games. At any time (except last 5 mins) there is a four-goal differential, coaches MUST stop the game. Each team will split their squad into two even groups, and swap one half with half of other team. THIS IS NOT AT COACHES' DISCRETION, IT MUST BE DONE IMMEDIATELY. Pinnies are provided for this reason. | |
| Coaches, Spectators | Coach, watch from sidelines only, not behind the goal. | |