



RICHMOND SPRING LEAGUE
April 22 to June 23
2013 COACHES GUIDE AND
INFORMATION



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Richmond Spring Soccer League 2013

Dates

April 22	League starts @ Boyd (Date varies by age group, see age group schedules).
May 11	Photo Day (schedule to be circulated)
May 18-19	May Long Weekend. No soccer Saturday, but soccer is on for the Monday

Spring League Contacts

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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.

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 2013

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 “Richmond Development Centre”

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 six 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 2012 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
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 2013 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
Field (approx yds.)	34 * 54	54 * 70
Ball	Size 4	Size 4
Players on field	7 v 7	8 v 8
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 * 20 mins	2 * 20 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.	