



Richmond FC

Season 2017-2018

RYSA Scholarships

For the 2017-2018 season the RYSA provided five– (5) \$1,000.00 scholarships, which were awarded to the current grade 12 graduating class of boys who have played soccer in Richmond.

The successful candidates for 2016/2017 season were Sam Hughes, Jeffrey Stephen, Ryan Curtis, Benjamin Weber and Sean Minato.

The criteria for the scholarship is that each candidate must have played with a team affiliated with the Richmond FC for three – (3) or more years and currently be participating in youth soccer. The successful candidate must have a proficiency in soccer as indicated by his play and have shown a worthwhile contribution to the sport of soccer, refereeing or coaching. The request for applicants is forwarded to all Richmond high schools and U18 coaches in January of each year.

I am pleased to announce that the successful scholarship awards recipients for the 2017/2018 season are:

Premjeet Gundarah
Chris Tyler
Alexander Judkowicz
Andrew Yang

Applications for this year's scholarship closed April 16th, 2018.

In a change of approach the Scholarship Awards will be presented to the successful applicants at this year's AGM rather than at their high school graduation at the end of the school year.

Richmond FC board members have agreed to continue to provide up to five – (5), \$1,000.00 scholarship awards for next season.

BC Provincial A-Cup Tournament.

BC Soccer Association has granted the club the privilege of hosting this summer's BC Provincial Youth Soccer Tournament. The tournament will be held at both Minoru and Hugh Boyd Fields on July 5th, to 8th inclusive. The tournament will be the biggest Youth Tournament I believe that both BC Soccer and Richmond Youth Soccer have hosted with 48 teams coming from all over our Province. The 48 teams are broken down to 24 girls and 24 boys' teams ranging in age from U13 to U18. We anticipate approx. 1000 players will descend upon Richmond along with supporting parents, coaches, assistant coaches and family members, an estimated 2500 in total.

We look forward to hosting the tournament but we are requesting your assistance by asking coaches and managers to volunteer some of their time to help in making the tournament a success.

Major Minoru Facility (MMF)

The Major Minoru facility which was scheduled to be opened in February/March of 2018 has been delayed and now scheduled to be open in Sept. /Oct. 2018. As a Director of the Club and also the Club's representative on the Richmond Sports Council, I was involved in the Richmond Sports Council Field User Sub-Committee discussions with senior city representatives on the development of the sports related elements of the Major Minoru Facility (MMF).

Hugh Boyd Clubhouse

In October 2014 members of the Richmond FC Board of Directors made a presentation to the Richmond City General Purpose Committee. This committee included the Mayor, City Councilors, and City Parks and Recreation senior staff. The purpose of the presentation was to make a case for the building of a new Clubhouse at Hugh Boyd. The presentation was met with enthusiasm by Richmond City General Purpose committee.

Since this meeting I have approached other soccer clubs in Richmond e.g. Richmond Adult Soccer league, Chinese Community Soccer Federation and other groups. The various soccer leagues within Richmond have embraced this initiative with enthusiasm. In addition West Richmond Community Centre has also shown considerable interest in this project.

In March 2018 the architectural concept drawings were finalized and City staff was then tasked with completing the arrangements before submission to Council. The plan has been forwarded to Council and they decided the new building was not big enough and increased the size quite significantly. The project is now in the planning stage.

I would like to thank everyone for their support this past year.

Mike Fletcher
Director RYSA

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