



# BC Soccer Premier League season kicks off February 25

**Vancouver:** - The EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League launches its full season of play in 2012 with 32 games on opening weekend. Games take place in Coquitlam, Vancouver and South Surrey.

With the dynamics of the BC weather, the Thompson Okanagan FC club will have the first two weekends off and will begin play on the March 10/11 weekend when they travel to the lower mainland.

To ensure a quality and challenging schedule, the U17 and U18 girls will play a combined division in League and Provincial Premier Cup play under the U18 age group. Whereas on the boys side, the U17 and U18 boys teams will play an inter-locked league schedule. There will also be an exhibition inter-lock between U14, U15 and U16 BC SPL boys teams with the Whitecaps U14 residency program.

With 21 match weekends spread out over the calendar season, the first 14 match weekends from February through June, along with a playoff format, will be used to declare the Provincial Premier Cup champions. The final 7 match weekends will take place from September through November.

Below are the match-ups for opening weekend. The full schedule for the league season will be posted shortly.

Games for Saturday, February 25
<b>U13 boys</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 9:00am @ Town Centre West Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 10:50am @ Trillium Park West South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 11:30am @ South Surrey Athletic Park #7
<b>U14 boys</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 11:00am @ Town Centre West Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 10:50am @ Trillium Park East South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 11:30am @ South Surrey Athletic Park #8
<b>U15 boys</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 9:00am @ Town Centre East Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 12:30pm @ Trillium Park West South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 1:30pm @ South Surrey Athletic Park #8
<b>U16 boys</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 11:00am @ Town Centre East Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 12:30pm @ Trillium Park East South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 3:30pm @ South Surrey Athletic Park #8
<b>U17 boys</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 1:00pm @ Town Centre East South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC (U18 boys) – 3:30pm @ South Surrey Athletic Park #7
<b>U18 boys</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 3:00pm @ Town Centre East Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 2:20pm @ Trillium Park West
<b>U16 girls</b> South Fraser FC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 1:30pm @ South Surrey Athletic Park #7



Games for Sunday, February 26
<b>U13 girls</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 11:00am @ Town Centre West Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 12:30pm @ Trillium Park West South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 11:30am @ South Surrey Athletic Park #7
<b>U14 girls</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 1:00pm @ Town Centre West Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 4:30pm @ Trillium Park East South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 11:30am @ South Surrey Athletic Park #8
<b>U15 girls</b> Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 12:30pm @ Trillium Park East South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 1:30pm @ South Surrey Athletic Park #8
<b>U16 girls</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 11:00am @ Town Centre East Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 4:30pm @ Trillium Park West South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 3:30pm @ South Surrey Athletic Park #8
<b>U18 girls</b> Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC vs Magnuson Ford Mariners FC – 1:00pm @ Town Centre East Fusion FC vs Surrey United SC – 2:20pm @ Trillium Park West South Fraser FC vs Mountain United FC – 1:30pm @ South Surrey Athletic Park #7
<b>U17 boys</b> Fusion FC vs Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC (U18 boys) – 2:20pm @ Trillium Park East

### About the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League

The EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League was designed to create a new high performance level of competition and support player development at the Provincial, Professional and National team level. It will simplify scouting of top young players, provide an elevated level of competition and increase the chance for players fulfilling their potential and creates a dynamic new commercial property at the pinnacle of youth soccer in BC.

Eight founding franchises were announced on February 17, 2011.

- Coquitlam Metro Ford
- Fusion FC (Vancouver/Richmond)
- Magnuson Ford Mariners FC (Abbotsford)
- Mountain United FC (Burnaby/North Shore)
- South Fraser Soccer Club
- Surrey United FC
- Thompson Okanagan FC
- Vancouver Island Wave

Each of the inaugural founding franchises has a nominated representative as their member on the League Board of Governors. The first full season of competition will begin in late February 2012 and continue through November. It will feature male and female divisions at the U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, and U-17/U-18 levels, equating to approximately 1600 players.

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