



# *EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League*

## Overview of Player Selection Policies and Procedures

The annual selection of players for all levels of the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League will be conducted through the following means;

1. *Ongoing Club Team Scouting and Training Program's*
2. *Scouting Recommendations*
3. *Provincial Teams Program Scouting*
4. *Annual Re integration of players; Vancouver Whitecaps FC Academy Program*
5. *Regional and MSL AND VIPL partner club Monitoring*
6. *Member Club Evaluation Camps (Open, Invitation Only and Final Selection)*

### ***Evaluation, Re Evaluation and Final Selection Guidelines***

It is recommended all EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member clubs commit to supporting and promoting a responsible and progressive evaluation and assessment process for player selection as outlined above.

This would include the removal of the reference and promotion of the ***"TRY OUT"*** mentality within their club.

The EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League does not support walk up evaluation of players.

All interested players should contact the member club technical director to gain further information on the recognized process for the club.

If required and to assist the coaching staff of the age groups within the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League and player selections, evaluation events may be held throughout the season to assess the player's capabilities and potential selection for the following year's team.

These evaluation events would be in accordance with recognized dates set out by the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League as per deadline for completion of process.

All EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member clubs must have online procedures for players to sign up for all evaluations.

If required EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member clubs may conduct three (3) types of evaluation events within the process of evaluation and selection of players for the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League;

### ***Open***

- *This event is open to any players who desire an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to participate within a EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member club*
- *A maximum number of players should be allowed at each open event to provide for a more responsible evaluation process. It is recommended that this number not exceed thirty five (35) players*

## **Invitation Only**

- *To attend an invitation only event all players must have received an invitation from the age group Head Coach and Technical Director of a EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League member club*
- *A maximum number of players should be allowed at each open camp to provide for a more responsible evaluation process. It is recommended that this number not exceed thirty five (35) players*
- *Players attending invitation only events are not required to attend an open camp prior to receiving an invitation.*

## **Final Selection Camps**

- *Following the completion of the open and invitation events the age group coaching staff will potentially invite players into a final selection event.*
- *Following this final selection event age group, Head Coaches and their staff will select the final squad of players within the age group for the annual season.*
- *Maximum number of players to be invited to the final selection event will not exceed thirty-five players (35) players.*

## **Player Eligibility**

A player who is in good standing and registered within BC Soccer and is within the age categories as defined by BC Soccer and the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League constitution rules and regulations is eligible to participate within the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League.

## **Player Prioritization**

- *Following the selection to EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League age group, all players must be aware that the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League takes priority over any additional soccer programming.*
- *Participating within supportive soccer development programming and additional sport development programming during the duration of that year's EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League is permitted if it meets LTPD standards as it relates to appropriate maturation of players. (See LTPD Stages of Development)*
- *If additional soccer and sport activities interferes with recognized programming and scheduling, participation is not recommended so to prevent and avoid the following;*
  - ***Increase of Injury and Over Training***
  - ***Annual Schedule Congestion***
  - ***Adherence to the recognized periodization plan***
- *The exemption to this policy is the selection of a player to BC Soccer Provincial Teams Programming, CSA NTC, National Team Programming and invitation for an official trail or development opportunity at a recognized professional club as defined within the FIFA club membership. This will be recognized and supported by BC Soccer and all EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League Clubs.*