



British Columbia Soccer Association and Whitecaps FC Development Partnership Model

BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION AND WHITECAPS F.C. PARTNERSHIP

The governing body of soccer in BC; British Columbia Soccer Association, and the professional soccer Club of BC, Whitecaps FC, are forming a partnership to enhance and provide clarity to player development in BC.

Goal – Create a recognized structure to the develop of players in BC for;

1. *Provincial Teams Programming*
2. *National Youth Teams*
3. *Senior National Teams*
4. *Professional Teams.*

BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION PLAYER DEVELOPMENT MODEL

With the British Columbia Soccer Association and Whitecaps partnership, a new player model will now be in place in BC that partners Community, Provincial, Professional and National Programs, providing for a clear path for player development.

Community Clubs

Programs – Mini, House and Select

- ? Community club based programs are encouraged to continue building and developing their player development models.

Provincial Player Development Programs

1. *District Development Centres - DDC*
2. *Intra Provincial League*
3. *Super Y League*
4. *Provincial Teams Program*

District Development Centres (DDC's)

- ? BC Soccer will govern all player development through regional DDCs, setting guidelines with ongoing monitoring of the curriculum and standards for player, coaching and officials' development.
- ? Each DDC has the responsibility to develop players on an ongoing basis through development programs for ultimate selection to DDC programs; IPL, Super Y, and Provincial.
- ? Community Club programs would be encouraged to recommend players for DDC training.

IPL Intra Provincial League

- ? BC wide program that provides more opportunities for players across BC and helps enriches club programming. Provides a development league to the Super Y League.
- ? Ten IPL teams which would operate teams in ages U13 to U14 for Boys and Girls. With expansion in 2006 to U-12 super 8's (8 a side soccer)



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Super Y League

- ? Northwest/North American league. Positioned as a top development league to further stream players. Operates as a development league for Provincial Teams.
- ? There are five Super Y teams in the age groups U13 to U17 for Boys and Girls operated in 4 DDC regions.

Provincial Teams Programs

- ? U13 to U16 boys and girls Provincial Teams Program. Represent BC at National and tournament play.
- ? U17 University/Professional Teams. Joint initiative of British Columbia Soccer Association and Whitecaps FC to develop and profile players for transition to scholastic and professional opportunities. Players can play in the both the U17 Super Y-League age group, and be selected as needed to represent BC.

PROVINCIAL TEAMS PROGRAM U13/U16 – SUPER Y LEAGUE U13/U17 – IPL U13/U14

Evaluation Process:

- ? Provincial Teams Program Coaching Staff will invite players into Evaluation Camps. Provincial Teams Program Coaching Staff, Super Y and IPL Coaching Staff's will observe and evaluate players jointly on an ongoing basis for Provincial, Super Y, IPL Team selections. Evaluation process involves:
 1. *Club Team scouting and dialogue*
 2. *DDC programming and visits*
 3. *Evaluation camps*

Final Selection Process:

- ? Following evaluation process Provincial Team Program Age group Head Coach will invite players to a Spring Break Final Selection Camp with maximum players invited to be set at 45.
- ? Rosters will be selected following the Spring Break camp for Provincial and Super Y teams. IPL team selection may vary based on each region.
- ? DDC regions will run concurrent final selection camps during Spring Break evaluation camps to select Super Y League and IPL teams.

Roster Guidelines:

- ? Rosters will be set at 18 players for Provincial Teams Programs and Y-league teams.
- ? IPL Rosters will be set with a minimum of 18 and maximum of 24.
- ? Super Y League – Players must reside in their development team area. For year 1 there will be 3 roster spots allowed for players outside their designated area.
- ? IPL - Players must reside in their development team area.



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Player movement:

- ? Provincial Team age group Head Coach may call up players from development Y-League and IPL team programs.
- ? Y-League Age group head coaches may call up players from IPL team programs.
- ? Players excelling within a development league can be promoted for selected games.

PROVINCIAL TEAMS PROGRAM U17

- ? BC Soccer and Whitecaps initiative. These teams will be designated University/Professional teams with the goal of developing players for transition to scholastic and professional opportunities.
- ? Rosters will be selected from players in the U17 Super Y-League age group, to represent BC at the selected competitions and events.
- ? The U-17 Provincial Team Program Head Coach will observe players in the Y-League and call in selected players for training camps/games and then return them back to their teams.
- ? A final team will be selected when the Y-League is completed in August to then represent the British Columbia Soccer Association at officially approved competitions.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

Whitecaps FC provide players opportunities for the next step to National or Professional play.

Developmental teams

- ? The Whitecaps will operate development/reserve teams from ages U18 to U21.

Professional Teams

- ? The Whitecaps A-League Men's and W-League Women's teams play in the United Soccer League.

National Team Programs

- ? The Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) provides opportunities to players through the British Columbia Soccer Association Player Development Model at the following levels:
 1. *National Men's and Women's Senior Teams.*
 2. *National Boys and Girls Youth Teams.*
 3. *National Training Centre Programs.*



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DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE PROGRAM

Locations:

Lower Island	1	- Victoria,
Upper Island	3	-Nanaimo, Courtney/Comox, Campbell River
North	2	- Quesnel, Prince George.
Thompson/Okanagan	3	- Vernon, Kelowna, Kamloops
Greater Vancouver	1	-Whitecaps FC – SFU Facility
North Shore	1	-North Vancouver

Development Leagues and Teams:

IPL Intra Provincial League - 10 Teams - Each region operates U13 to U14 Boys and Girls Teams

? Upper Island, Lower Island, North, Kelowna, Kamloops, North Shore, Fraser Valley, Vancouver, South District, North East District.

Super Y League - 4 Teams - Each region operates U13 to U17 Boys and Girls

? Island, Okanagan/Thompson, Fraser Valley, Whitecaps FC.

Development Team Operations :

Teams operate out of designated DDC's. These DDC will be inclusive, but have authority to manage the program. DDCs would work in harmony to provide players first for Provincial, Super Y, and IPL, Teams Programs

<u>Island</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Managed by this DDC.</u>
2 IPL Teams.	Lower Island	Victoria DDC
	Upper Island	Nanaimo, Courtney/Comox, Campbell River DDC
1 Super Y Team	Island	Victoria DDC
<u>North</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Managed by this DDC.</u>
1 IPL Team.	North	Quesnel, Prince George DDC
<u>Thompson/Okanagan</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Managed by this DDC</u>
2 IPL Teams.	Okanagan	Kelowna DDC
	Kamloops	Kamloops DDC
1 Super Y Team.	Thompson/Okanagan	Vernon DDC
<u>Greater Vancouver</u>	<u>Team Name</u>	<u>Managed by this DDC</u>
1 IPL Team	North Shore	North Shore DDC
4 IPL Teams	Whitecaps FC *	Whitecaps DDC (note below)

The Whitecaps would not run the IPL teams. Through the Whitecaps DDC they would partner and empower club programming by branding teams locally using their coaches/resources to run the teams. Teams include:

Fraser Valley IPL	Includes - Abbotsford, Langley, Aldergrove, Chilliwack, Mission.
Vancouver IPL	Includes - Vancouver East, South, West.
South District IPL	Includes - Surrey District, Richmond, Delta,
North East District IPL	Includes - Burnaby, New West, Coq, Pt. Moody, POCO.

2 Super Y Teams Whitecaps FC * Whitecaps DDC (note below)

Greater Vancouver - Branded as Whitecaps. Involve all areas except the Fraser Valley.

Fraser Valley - Branded as Fraser Valley. Involve Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, Aldergrove, and Mission.

Fraser Valley teams would be an extension of the Whitecaps DDC, but the Whitecaps would designate Valley personnel to manage the program utilizing a cross-section of Valley players and coaches.