



## Surrey United Soccer Club

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We know that there are many options in the soccer marketplace for players to get additional soccer training outside of the Surrey United Soccer Club, from either private enterprise or from programs provided by British Columbia/Canada Soccer Associations and also the Vancouver Whitecaps. Consequently, the Surrey United Soccer Club has been requested by many parents and also coaches to provide some direction from the Club that will enable our Select coaches, players, and their respective families, make a more informed decision in respect of choosing the right programs. It is important though, that we recognize the potential impact any such decision to register players in those programs may potentially have on the other players on that Surrey United team. That way, we can contemplate the best interests of everyone in a manner that is fair, objective and conducive to a successful TEAM experience.

Historically, the Surrey United Soccer Club has endorsed and promoted training and development opportunities outside of the club structure that would be appropriate for a relatively small number of players at each age group. The Surrey United Soccer Club believes that the infrastructure currently established by the governing body, British Columbia Soccer Association, is still valid and we encourage our players to enter the evaluation process for selection to Provincial teams and Y-League teams. Many Surrey United players have been and continue to be selected to the year-round National Training Centre program which demands that these players attend all sessions, sometimes at the expense of attending the club training sessions. This has created some problems for our club coaches, often left with half their roster to train with during the week. Wherever possible, BC Soccer staff work with our Club to eliminate as much conflict as possible by scheduling NTC sessions on evenings that do not conflict with club sessions. Continual dialogue between the Surrey United technical coaching staff and BC Soccer staff ensures, as far as possible, that the welfare of the players is not jeopardized by over-training or scheduling conflicts. Surrey United will continue to encourage our players to pursue Provincial Select teams and allow attendance to NTC sessions. The Surrey United Soccer Club does insist that players who have been selected to the NTC must still attend at least one club training session a week, as well as their scheduled games.

Vancouver Whitecaps Prospects is a new initiative that requires selected players to attend all sessions. Once again, SUSC encourages and endorses the program for players who feel they will benefit by pursuing this extra training. However, similar to the NTC program, Surrey United will strongly suggest that our players must still attend at least one club training session a week, as well as their scheduled games.

If players and their families do not comply with the club's suggestions, they must understand that the playing status of that player on game day will be left to the coach's discretion. The coach, should of course always consider the overall best interests of the team as their first priority which may well result in limited playing time for those players who are absent from both training sessions. Surrey United only acknowledges the BCSA/ CSA programs and the Whitecaps Prospects programs as the preferred development programs available in the province. Any other year round private programs that conflict with SUSC team training sessions will not be considered a priority and we do not expect a Club team training session to be compromised.

We remain committed to creating the right experience for all of our players and hope this provides the appropriate clarification.

The Surrey United Executive