



PARENT RESOURCE SHEET

WELCOME TO SURREY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

We are excited to welcome you to Surrey United Soccer Club this season!

Surrey United Way of Play

All teams and coaches are expected to follow the SUSC “way of play”. The playing philosophy is designed to be a progression of aligned steps that a player will follow as they move up age groups and up or down levels of play in their development path. It is designed to provide consistency and a continuum for a youth soccer player to learn the game and for a developing and evolving team to build on important aspects of general game understanding, teamwork, and general and individual fun in the sport.

Surrey United Player Development Philosophy

SUSC’s development pathway aligns with the Canadian Soccer Association’s Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) model while maintaining a development-first philosophy, allowing players to progress through the appropriate stages of the Surrey United Program Outline Model.

Player development is the journey of a player from mini soccer to adult soccer. As Surrey United is a “cradle to grave” club, the focus is on creating a fun environment where players want to continue to come back. Grouping players based on age has been a common tendency in the past; however, trends and benchmarks will still be used to evaluate players individually, giving players opportunities to be challenged within different team and academy environments.

Surrey United Soccer Club is committed to the long-term development of each of our players. Not every player will develop their mental, technical and physical abilities at the same time. Our responsibility is to make sure that our players are in the appropriate playing environment to reach their full potential. As a result, we offer many different training and playing options to allow for player growth over the longer term. For a more in-depth look, check out our academy and program offerings here [SUSC PLAYER DEVELOPMENT ACADEMIES](#).

Surrey United - Who We Are

SUSC has been a member of the City of Surrey and soccer communities for 55 years. We hold the highest level of club license available from Canada Soccer and were one of the first in Canada to obtain this National Youth Club License status. We work hard to be “more than a soccer club” and work hard to provide our members with the best soccer and community experience off and on the pitch.

We are a not for profit organization and we rely on volunteers for everything we do. Our club’s operations and technical personnel are very well experienced and the majority of them have been with the club for many years. Information about our technical team and their vast experience and certifications can be found here: [Surrey United | Club Coaches Surrey United Soccer Club | Surrey | Cloverdale](#).

Parent Resources

Our [Surrey United Website](#) has many resources available to coaches, parents and players. Before the season starts, please take the opportunity to review the information available.

1. Parent Sideline Behaviour and Expectations

When you are on the sidelines, you are representing not only SUSC, but your child. Being a positive impact can be challenging during competition. Follow the research-based tips and best practices located here: [Respect in Sport: Parent Best Practices in Supporting Their Athletic Child](#) to support your child's experience in a positive manner throughout the season.

NOTE: No parents are permitted on the field at any time unless they are registered team staff. This includes the covered bench areas inside the perimeter of the turf field. Please respect this at all times and help your fellow team members follow this rule.

2. Club Online Store

Any team or player wishing to purchase Surrey United apparel can visit our online club store [ONLINE CLUB STORE LINK](#)

3. Parent General FAQs

Please review our FAQ page on our website for all general inquiries regarding playing at Surrey United Soccer Club. [FAQ HERE](#)

4. SUSC Communication Protocols

We are a large club and we have created a communications protocol to guide members in where and who to go with their questions and concerns. You can find that protocol here: [SUSC Communication Protocol](#).

IMPORTANT: SUSC has a standard set for all members called the "48hr Rule". Please take 48 hours before approaching, emailing, calling any coach, manager, technical staff member when upset, angry or an issue arises (other than safety). A cooling off period is appropriate and allows all parties to discuss whatever the concern may be in a calm, rational and solutions-based manner. We are a volunteer organization and all volunteers deserve respectful communication.

5. Field Location Maps

Fields can be difficult to navigate as they are split up by group. Helpful maps are located here: [SUSC Field Setup and Locations](#)

6. Club Calendar

[2022-23 Club Calendar - Important Timelines and Dates](#)

7. Concussion Guide for Parents

[Concussion Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#)

8. SUSC Volunteer Program

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9. SUSC Policies

SUSC Policies, include member code of conduct are found here: [Club Policies | Surrey United Soccer Club | Surrey | Cloverdale](#) further, the Parent Best Practices for SUSC sideline behaviors and our club's expectations are located here: [Parent Best Practices](#).

Volunteering on Team Staff

We love our volunteer coaches, assistant coaches and managers. We need these individuals to deliver our programming and develop our athletes. To keep our players safe, we must have all team staff names on file together with a criminal record check, respect in sport certification and registration details required by BC Soccer. **NO ADULT MAY BE ON THE FIELD / BENCH WITH THE TEAM WITHOUT THESE IN PLACE.** Contact riskmanagement@surreyunitedsoccer.com with any questions, and your age group registrar to be added to any team staff record, regardless of participation level. Whether it be a game or practice here or there, adults on the bench with the players must have these in place.

How Scheduling Works

Our club works directly with the city of Surrey on field allocations. We are designated field space with permits based on our number of participants.

As our club is based in Cloverdale, most of our field allocations will be at Cloverdale Athletic Park (CAP), however in the fall and spring, we share space with other sports such as football, ultimate, etc. and are required to use other fields, specifically Hjorth Road (Guildford) and Newton Athletic Park. This is entirely based on City of Surrey allocations and while we continue to work with the City for additional, local field additions, we do our best to work with what we are provided.

When field conditions are good in the spring and early fall we will often use grass fields at schools in the Cloverdale community. As daylight changes in late September, we will begin to rely on lights and training locations may change around Thanksgiving. This is when we begin to also use gravel allocations because there simply is not enough turf space under the lights at Cloverdale / Hjorth.

Scheduling is a complex process, we have over 200 teams and do our best to ensure younger teams are placed earlier in the evenings whenever possible.

Practices/Games

Practice schedule and weekend game time slots are assigned based on days, times, and partnering teams/age groups. ***The Spring Season runs from April to the end of June. The Fall season runs from the end of August to the end of February.*** We usually start training at the end of August or after labour day depending on the age group.

Weather-related cancellations (air quality, snow) are communicated to the coaches and managers and posted on our social media channels before 2pm on the impacted day.

Game Schedules

Game schedules are made available to coaches as far in advance as possible. For the youngest ages, this is fairly static (U6/U7) however for older ages that play within a league, the league dictates when SUSC teams play at home and when they play away. Away teams have their own way of scheduling and their own field allocations to work within.

GAME SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE EVERY MONDAY NIGHT. These usually remain unchanged. HOWEVER, the City of Surrey, due to weather or other complications, may close fields that are not suitable for play. This happens before Thursday of each week and when this happens, we have to adjust games accordingly and try to maintain our original schedule as best as possible, but sometimes games will change for this reason. We communicate changes Thursday nights, if any occur.

Day-of weather-related cancellations are communicated to the coaches and managers as soon as possible when they do occur.

NOTE: High performance leagues have mandatory game requirements that must take priority from time to time. These are out of our control as they are governed by Canada Soccer and not by Surrey United.

LINK FOR SCHEDULES ->[SCHEDULES](#)

Common Club Acronyms

- SUSC – [Surrey United Soccer Club](#)
- CAP – [Cloverdale Athletic Park \(168th/64th\)](#)
- SUDA – [Surrey United Development academy](#)
- HPA – [High Performance Academy](#)
- BC SPL – [British Columbia Soccer Premier League](#)
- BCCSL – [BC Coastal Soccer League](#)
- CRC – [Criminal Record Check](#)
- RIS – [Respect in Sport](#)
- BCSA – [BC Soccer Association](#)
- NAP – [Newton Athletic Park](#)
- SFDA – [South Fraser District Association](#)

Surrey United SC More Than a Soccer Club!

Values of SUSC

- We value and promote fairness and integrity in the delivery of high-quality, organized soccer programming.
- We value our inclusive, equitable, diverse, non-discriminatory environment that provides the foundation of our mission to be more than a soccer club.
- We value good governance and compliance with the mandates of our governing bodies and the *Societies Act* of BC.
- We value welcoming, respectful, and inclusive Safe Sports environments through our adoption of the *Universal Code of Conduct (BC UCC)* and the *Responsible Coaching Movement*.

We host a lot of events at SUSC and we involve our community in everything we celebrate. Please watch for information on these events throughout the season and participate where possible. We can't wait to see you out there!