

BC Soccer Policy for Metro Select Programming

This policy applies to those BC Soccer Full Member Youth Districts (Districts) that opt to participate in the Metro Select League. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure programming for Metro Select League participation is player-centric.
- Clarify Youth Districts' responsibilities regarding programming for the Metro Select League.
- Define and detail operational models for which Youth Districts use to facilitate programming for the Metro Select League.

The Metro Select League

- The Metro Select League (MSL) is a recognized Inter-District Youth League.
- The MSL provides a Grassroots-Competitive playing environment for males and females in the U13 to U18 age categories and is a designated second tier of youth league play.
- The MSL is operated by a Board of participating District representatives.
- The League is populated by teams put forth by participating Districts. There is no requirement or right for member/affiliate clubs or BC SPL franchises to be able to host MSL teams; it is a decision the District board may make in accordance to the directives of BC Soccer.
- Member/affiliated clubs are required to cooperate with the objectives of their governing District(s) in forwarding players and facilitating assessments.
- The rules and regulations of the MSL are approved by the District Chairs of its participating Youth Districts and BC Soccer.

Metro Select Program – District Responsibilities

- Districts have the absolute responsibility and authority for the execution of the Metro Select Program within their district and are expected to participate fully in the program to the extent there exists a player pool sufficient to field teams.
- Districts are responsible for forwarding teams to MSL as per the League's Rules & Regulations.
- Districts are responsible for selecting and operating the Metro Select Programming within their District based on one, or a combination of, the operational models outlined within this policy.

- Districts are responsible for determining the frequency for which the chosen operational model will be reviewed and communicating this timeline to its affiliated clubs.
- Metro Select Programs are to be player centric.
- Regardless of the operational model chosen, the District must ensure selection to a MSL program/team is made available to all participants within its District boundaries as defined by BC Soccer's bylaws. The District is responsible for overseeing and/or approving the player assessment process.
- Districts and BC SPL franchises are required to work closely together to meet the player promotion objectives of BC Soccer and Canada Soccer.

Metro Select Program – BC Soccer Approved Operational Models

1. DISTRICT BASED MODEL

Overview

- Metro Select Programming is run directly by the District.
- All teams participating in the Metro Select League will be from and represent the District.

Requirements (in addition to the District Responsibilities stated above)

- The District Metro Select Program must demonstrate behaviour consistently in the best interest of the game (poor player, team official, administrative official or association discipline history may negate Metro Select Program hosting privileges).
- The District is required to meet the following criteria that mirrors BC Soccer's Club Charter Program:

Technical

- The District supports and displays on the District website the following BC Soccer images:
 - Player Pathway image
 - Coach Pathway image
 - Referee Pathway image
 - Club Pathway image
- The District's Metro Select Programming adheres to Canada Soccer's Long Term Player Development Model.

- The District uses Coach Code of Conduct forms aligned with BC Soccer
- The District demonstrates that it has a designated Technical Lead, who is a trained Coach.
- The District demonstrates it provides bi-annual reports on the coach certification for coaches delivering Metro Select Programming

Governance

- The District is an Active Member, in good standing and works collaboratively with other District Associations, the BC Soccer Premier League and is compliance with BC Soccer regulations regarding legal compliance.
- Evidence that those involved in delivering Metro Select Programming have signed a Conflict of Interest Statement
- Evidence that those involved in delivering Metro Select Programming have signed an Oath of Confidentiality
- The District Metro Select Program has policies that align with BC Soccer and are accessible by their members/participants:
 - Criminal Record Checks
 - Player Safety
 - Conduct, Ethics and Discipline

Administration

- The District adheres to BC Soccer, Canada Soccer and FIFA sanctioning regulations
- The District demonstrates it has a website with all Metro Select Programming details including a link to the league website
- The District provides to BC Soccer upon request or within submission deadlines, the following:
 - Evidence of compliance with BC Soccer Risk Management Regulation being Criminal Record Check management
 - Player and team official registration and certification information
 - Metro Select staff positions including contact information

2. SINGLE-CLUB BASED MODEL

Overview

- The District designates one of its affiliated clubs to host Metro Select Programming.
- All teams participating in the Metro Select League will be from one club representing the District.

Club Requirements

- The Club must be affiliated with the District for a minimum of two years, unless the District determines that is in the District's best interests to establish a new club solely and only for the purpose of running its metro league program.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2017-2018 Coastal Playing Season, the club must have opted in to BC Soccer's Club Charter Program and actively demonstrated they are working towards achieving Standard One by April 2017.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2018-2019 Coastal Playing Season, the club must have achieved Standard One or higher of BC Soccer's Club Charter Program.
- The Club must agree to support the player pathway.
- The Club must demonstrate behaviour consistently in the best interest of the game (poor player, team official, administrative official or association discipline history may negate Metro Select Program hosting privileges).

District Requirements

- The District must have a timely, clear and transparent application process available for all of its affiliated clubs to apply to host Metro Select Programming.
- The District must determine the duration for which the successful club will have privileges to host Metro Select Programming.
- The District must select the club based on the club's merits, not on historical success of the club's teams.
- The District is responsible for the ongoing monitoring of the selected club's operation of the Metro Select Programming.

3. MULTI-CLUB BASED MODEL

Overview

- The District designates two or more of its affiliated clubs to host Metro Select Programming for a specific team, age group and/or gender.
- Teams participating in the Metro Select League will be from more than one club representing the District.

Club Requirements

- The Clubs must be affiliated with the District for a minimum of two years.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2017-2018 Coastal Playing Season, clubs must have opted in to BC Soccer's Club Charter Program and actively demonstrated they are working towards achieving Standard One by April 2017.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2018-2019 Coastal Playing Season, clubs must have achieved Standard One or higher of BC Soccer's Club Charter Program.
- The Clubs must agree to support the player pathway.
- The Clubs must demonstrate behaviour consistently in the best interest of the game (poor player, team official, administrative official or association discipline history may negate Metro Select Program hosting privileges).

District Requirements

- The District must have a timely, clear and transparent application process available for all of its affiliated clubs to apply.
- The District must determine the duration for which the successful clubs will have privileges to host Metro Select Programming.
- The District must select the clubs based on the clubs' merits, not on historical success of the clubs' teams.
- The District is responsible for the ongoing monitoring of the selected clubs' operation of the Metro Select Programming.