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BC Soccer Policy

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Policy Statement

BC Soccer supports and promotes the technical principles of the Canada Soccer Skill Centre Program to establish developmentally appropriate programming that supports individual player and team development for the 'Learn to Train' U10 to U13 age groups, as part of the Canada Soccer Long Term Player Development (LTPD) model.

Purpose

To provide direction and guidance to BC Soccer's affiliated clubs in delivering technical programming aligned with Canada Soccer's Skill Centre Program principles, considering the specific context of British Columbia.

Standards

BC Soccer's affiliated clubs that wish to obtain a Canada Soccer Skill Centre Program designation in British Columbia must comply annually with the following standards across player, practice, game, and coach categories:

1. All Clubs must provide per season a minimum number of weeks of programming:
 - U10 to U11: 24 Weeks
 - U12 to U13: 30 Weeks
2. All Clubs must provide access per week to the following number of sessions:
 - U10 to U11: 2
 - U12 to U13: 3
3. All Clubs must provide per session a minimum duration:
 - U10 to U11: 50 minutes
 - U12 to U13: 70 minutes
4. All Clubs must provide sessions within a minimum field size:
 - U10 to U11: 15 Yards x 20 Yards
 - U12 to U13: 30 Yards x 40 Yards (1 x per week)
5. All Clubs must meet the maximum requirements of player to coach ratio within sessions and games:
 - U10 to U11: 10:1
 - U12 to U13: 14:1
6. All Clubs must demonstrate evidence of the club curriculum being delivered during sessions.
7. All Clubs must provide the appropriate game format for the respective age groups, as per the BC Soccer Small Sided Development Policy.
8. All Clubs must provide evidence of the club game model being delivered in game competition.
9. All Clubs must meet the minimum coaching requirements:
 - U10 to U13 Head Coaches: 'Learn to Train' - Trained status (online theory and on field practical)
 - U10 to U13 On Field Technical Lead: 'Children's License' - Certified, In-Training, or Enrolled.
10. All Clubs must complete the BC Soccer Player Database Form requirements on request within 4 weeks of the start of the season, annually.



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Definitions

Canada Soccer Skill Centre Program

The designation granted by Canada Soccer to members and affiliated organizations that meet the technical delivery standards for the 'Learn to Train' U10 to U13 age groups within the Canada Soccer Long Term Player Development (LTPD) model.

Curriculum

A standards-based sequence of planned sessions focused on player and team attributes such as dribbling, passing, attacking, and defending. These sessions must be age-appropriate, developmentally focused, and prioritize a fun, safe, and enjoyable experience for all players.

Game Model

Refers to a team's playing style, considering its systems, strategy, tactics, and skill sets. This includes how the team defends, attacks, transitions between the two, and organizes itself on the field.

Guidelines

Canada Soccer Grassroots Standards

Canada Soccer Skill Centre Program

BC Soccer Small Sided Development Policy

BC Soccer Playing Up & Down Policy

BC Soccer Curriculum - The Player (U10 to U13)

BC Soccer Player Profile

Applicable Operational Procedures

Please refer to the BC Soccer Skill Centre Program Compliance Reporting process.

Compliance to BC Soccer Governing Documents

In accordance with BC Soccer's "Bylaws 3.4.a.ii" all member organizations must comply with the applicable Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Judicial Code and Policies, other Policies, decisions and directives of BC Soccer and the statutes, bylaws, regulations, directives and decisions of Canada Soccer, FIFA at all times.

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