



BC SOCCER

Technical Service Plan 2023

**Player, Coach & Referee Development Support for Member Organizations
and Affiliated Clubs**

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1. INTRODUCTION

a. Purpose

The BC Soccer Technical Service Plan has been designed in consultation with the BC Soccer Membership through the 2021 technical survey and with the BC Soccer, Soccer Development Committee from 2020 to 2022. The service plan is designed to support the delivery of player, coach, and referee development within all playing environments within the BC Soccer system, primarily focused on all clubs regarding of the leagues and competitive environment they participate in. The plan is intended to be delivered on a yearly basis and further evolved over time to meet the ever-changing needs and demands of technical program delivery in BC.

b. Overview

BC Soccer's development department has developed technical resources which include player, team, and coach profile documents that are aligned to sample session plans, all working within a wider curriculum. As well as a referee profile (coming September 2023) and the sharing of Canada Soccer referee development resources. To ensure better understanding of the resources and how they connect, Soccer Development Staff have developed workshops and club support meetings as well as utilizing online software to support wider access to this information for technical leads, coaches as well as referee instructors and referees across the province.

2. RESOURCES

BC Soccer's Technical Resources, provide an example of good practice that BC Soccer organizations can fully integrate into their programming or use as a guideline to assist in the on-going development of their own documentation and program delivery. These documents are composed of (but not limited to) a Player Profile, Team Profile, Coach Profile, Referee Profile and a Curriculum.

The section below provides a brief overview of the Technical Resources, how they fit together and where they support players, coaches, and referees.

a. Curriculum

The Curriculum provides an age-appropriate developmental framework for the season-long training environment and can be paired with the Player and Team Profile. It identifies the attacking and defending actions for individual players as well as the team. Throughout the season within sessions, players should be experiencing these actions to aid their overall technical and tactical development. Included within the curriculum are examples of session topics, plans and detailed explanations to support coaches with implementation.

b. Player Profile

The foundation of the player profile is a holistic approach by focusing on the player as an individual person first, then as a player. The profile includes the individual players attacking and defending actions related to the game of soccer. The Player Profile is paired with the session themes of the curriculum which guides coaches in developing players as well as identifying the player's strengths and their areas of improvement.

c. Team Profile

The Team Profile provides an age-appropriate developmental framework for the season-long game environment and is paired with the Curriculum. It identifies the attacking and defending actions for individual players as well as the team. Throughout the season within games, players should be experiencing these actions to aid their overall technical and tactical development. Included within the game model are examples of attacking and defending strategies with detailed explanations to support coaches with implementation.

d. Coach Profile

The foundation of the coach profile is a holistic approach by focusing on the coach as an individual person first, then as a coach. The Profile includes attributes that coaches should focus on throughout the season to create a safe, positive, and fun environment. The Coach Profile is paired with the session themes of the curriculum which guides coaches in developing players as well as identifying the players' strengths and their areas of improvement.

e. Referee Profile (coming September 2023)

The foundation of the referee profile is a holistic approach by focusing on the referee as an individual person first, then as a referee. It will be designed to support Referee's individual development as well as supporting the identification of referees to progress within the BC Soccer referee pathway.

f. Referee Development Modules

The Referee modules consist of 16 modules across a variety of topics including but not limited to, challenges, dissent, offsides, to support referee development. Furthermore, as of September 2023 BC Soccer will also be providing referee development modules to compliment the national resources which will cover holistic referee development support such as managing parents and coaches.

3. SUPPORT

BC Soccer is pleased, care of the soccer development staff, to lead technical focused discussions and conversations through a variety of workshops, forums and meetings that can be delivered in a blended learning environment. These engagements have been designed to meet the needs of the various levels of play within the province. For more information on the workshops, forums and meetings please see below.

a. Workshops, Forums & Meetings

Technical Workshop

The Technical Workshop provides general information on the BC Soccer Technical resources, (player and coach) programs and good practice guides that can support a club with their overall program delivery. This includes but is not limited to creating age-appropriate training environments and curriculum, good practice guidelines in identifying and selecting players and coaches (profiling) as well as any specific technical items related to clubs in that area. These workshops can be delivered in-person and/or remotely on a request basis.

Technical Lead Forum

The Technical Lead Forum is provided once per year (around the BC Soccer AGM in November) and is made available to all those working in technical leadership positions within the membership. The purpose of the forum is to provide updates from BC Soccer and Canada Soccer across player, coach, referee, and club programming. This also provides an opportunity for open discussion on the delivery of technical programming and how the game is moving forward within BC.

BCSPL Workshop

The BCSPL Workshop is offered two times per year typically in March and December in the form of a Pre & Post Season session for the technical leads and coaches within the BCSPL. These workshops are targeted to provide the technical direction of the league as well as to draw attention to key developmental trends for this level of play. This also includes a review of the trends of the league play through video analysis.

League 1 BC Workshop

The League 1 BC Workshop is offered two times per year which are similar in design to the BCSPL workshops but modified to take into consideration the differences for the league 1 BC clubs. The workshops are typically planned for May and December and will take the form of a Pre & Post Season technical workshop for the technical leads and coaches within League 1 BC. These workshops are targeted to provide the technical direction of the league as well as to draw attention to key developmental trends for this level of play. They also include a review of the trends of the league play through video analysis.

Referee Development Module Workshops

The content of the referee development modules is provided as a resource to all In-Club Referee Instructors and the referee in-club Instructors workshops supports the instructor with the delivery of this content within their club. For those clubs that do not have a designated In-Club Instructor, BC Soccer will directly facilitate a referee development module workshop.

b. Club Support Meetings

The Club Support Meetings allow for Soccer Development staff to facilitate various technical meetings and presentations based on the needs of the requesting organization. These can include (but not limited to) providing guidance on program delivery, communicating with coaches and parents, player intake (evaluation & selection process) meetings as well as specific areas of development that clubs may request support from the BC Soccer, Soccer Development department.

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