



Under 8 - Two Streams of Development FAQ

What is the purpose for having two streams of development in the Under 8 Division?

The goal of ability based teams is to allow all players to play at their skill and confidence level. We want all players to be challenged, to build their skills and to enjoy their playing experiences. We wish to provide coaches with technical support to ensure they are meeting the needs of their players. We believe that providing children with the opportunity to play with and against those of similar ability will enhance both player and coach development.

How are decisions made if players are placed on a Team playing in the Tri-Cities Development League or Tri-Cities House League?

Teams are formed through evaluations of players during their Under 7 identification camp. This will be taken from observation from the staff coaches in the identification camp, the parent coaches of the respective U7 teams in the identification camp, and also through assessment of players through various Port Moody Camps and Academies.

Will teams be balanced in the Development Division and House Division of Under 8?

Teams will be formed with all efforts to balance all teams in the House and the Development Divisions. This will be done in collaboration with the Under 8 Coordinators and Port Moody Technical Head Coach as well as input from the current parent coaches.

How do I register for the Tri-Cities U8 House League or the U8 Development League?

You cannot register for either League. You register for the Under 8 age group and then you will be placed on teams through our team formation process.

When Does Registration Begin?

Registration begins right after our identification camps and registration will be online at www.portmoodysoccer.com

When will the Under 8 Teams be formed?

We will start the team formation process after the identification camps.

Is there a different cost between the leagues?

No, it is the same cost for registration for both the House and Development League.

If I am a new player or new to the club, what team would I be placed on?

If you are a new player playing in our club, you will initially be placed on the House Team. Unless otherwise assessed by Port Moody soccer club Academy or camp.

How are coaches being assigned to the Under 8 Teams?

As players are registered, parents are asked to indicate if they are willing to volunteer as Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Managers. We will look at all parents that have put their names forward as well as recommendations from the Port Moody executive and coaching interviews.

How Many Teams will there be in the House and Development Divisions?

In each club based on registration numbers we are looking on average to have 30% of the players placed in the Development Division and 70% in the House Division.

Does My Son/Daughter Get to Play with their friends?

At PMSC we do not have a place on our registration form for requests. Our first priority is to make sure all teams are balanced in teams of ability. Our age group coordinators try to place players together due to their neighbourhoods in which they live. In the Development side there will be less emphasis on grouping with neighbourhoods.

Will my child have the same Parent coach as Under 7?

Some may and some may not. After the streaming process with the Under 8 Division, the teams become smaller so there are changes regardless and teams do not stay together. In the Under 8 Division, the teams are coached entirely by the parent coach and do not have staff support on a weekly basis.

If my child is placed in the House league, do they have the opportunity to move to the Development league?

Yes, there will be continued evaluation throughout the season. We will initially keep the Development League teams smaller to allow movement into this division, if possible.

If my child is placed in the Development stream, will they be moved into the House Stream?

No, there will be no movement from the Development to House during the Under 8 season, unless this is requested by the family. All players will be assessed throughout the Under 8 season and depending on their skill development, may or may not be placed on a Development team in the Under 9, 2014-15 season.

How many players play on the field at Under 8?

We will be playing 6-aside at Under 8. This means 5 outfield players and a goalie.

Will we be interlocking with other clubs in our District?

Yes, we will be interlocking with PoCo Eurorite FC, Coquitlam Metro Ford and Port Moody SC for the Development and House League Divisions.

Will the House and Development Teams Have Different Uniforms?

At the Under 8 Division all the teams are assigned different colours so that when they play each other there are no conflicts. Each team will also be given pinnies, in case conflicts between uniforms arise.

When Does the Under 8 Season Start?

The Under 8 Season normally begins in early/mid September, but training will start prior to that.

How many times a week does the Under 8 Teams Train & Play?

The Under 8 Teams will train once per week and play a game once per week. Training days are grouped by age so the PMSC technical director can monitor and assess all age groups. Games are on Saturdays for boys and Sundays for girls.

What are the Game Times?

The Home Games times will vary and they could be scheduled between 9:00am to 3:00pm. The Game times and location for the away games in PoCo Eurorite FC and CMFC are TBD. The game schedule will be set prior to the beginning of the season.

What Kind of Coach Support is there in Under 8?

The Under 6 to Under 12 age group is overseen by the PMSC technical director, Johnny Sulentic. He will be supporting the coaches where needed and providing coach development sessions

throughout the season. At this age group though, the teams are fully run by the volunteer parent coaches.

What extra technical Academy opportunities are available for players in the House League?

All players will have access to receive extra training through our Player Academies & camps. All players are invited to register in our Monday evening PMSC/Coerver HPC Academy.

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What will happen for 2014-15 Season and beyond for the 2006 age group?

2014-2015- Dual Streamed Under 9 House League

2015-16 – Dual streamed Under 10 House league. This is also the first season (Under 10) that one team is selected from this age group for male & female from each club (CMFSC, PoCo, & Port Moody) and these teams are played in Under 11 Select.

2016-17 – This is the first year of Select Soccer and players will be placed on a Select team or a House team in this age group.

Who do I contact with Questions about the Under 8 League?

Administrative & Registration questions can be directed to:

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