



Port Moody Soccer Club

2011-2012 Frequently Asked Questions

Who runs the Port Moody Soccer Club?

The Port Moody Soccer Club is run almost entirely by volunteers; with the exception of one paid part-time Executive Director. Volunteers do everything from coaching, to hanging nets to running the concessions. **For this reason, all families are asked to volunteer in some capacity.** Individual teams need a Coach, Assistant Coach, and help with providing oranges, planning events, etc. Please step forward when your coach asks for help!

When does the soccer season start?

The season runs from early September through to mid March with a one-month break during Christmas. Teams playing in the higher age categories may start practicing earlier and may play later in the year depending on how well they do in League Cup and Provincial Cup play.

How old does my child have to be to play soccer?

Registration in the youth program is open to boys and girls aged 4 to 17. The U6 Boys (Micro Mini) and the U6 Girls age groups are for children aged 4 and 5 – these are the only divisions based on a 2-year age bracket. Children aged 6 and over play in 1-year age groups - referred to as U7 (Under 7) through U18 (Under 18). The cutoff for determining age is December 31st of the year in which the season starts. For example, a child born in 2003 will turn 8 sometime in 2011 and is therefore classified as U9 for the 2011-2012 playing season.

Do I have to live in Port Moody for my child to join?

There is no restriction on residency for players in the U6-U12 divisions. For players in the U13-U18 divisions the one restriction is that a team can have a maximum of 3 players who reside outside of the playing district. Our Boys teams play in the Westminster District which includes Port Moody, Coquitlam and New Westminster. Our Girls teams play in the North District which includes Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, New Westminster, Burnaby, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

Do residents of Anmore and Belcarra have to pay an extra fee?

No. The City of Port Moody has not passed any legislation regarding additional user fees for residents of Anmore and Belcarra.

What equipment does my child need to play soccer?

Players must provide their own properly fitted soccer boots and shin guards. These can be purchased at most sports stores, such as Soccer Express or SportChek. For younger kids, good used equipment can be found at some sports stores or at swap meets. The registration fee includes a **new uniform** (jersey, shorts, and socks) **that is yours to keep** at the end of the season.

Who will my child play with?

The club runs separate programs for boys and girls from U6 through U18. Girls may be placed on a Boys team at the request of the parent or guardian. This is usually limited to the U6-U10 age groups and is often due to scheduling as Boys teams play on Saturdays and Girls teams play on Sundays. However, **boys will be boys, and cannot play on a Girls team.** When registering a female player please make sure you select the correct program.

The U6 Boys (Micro Mini) and U6 Girls divisions are often the first foray into organized soccer for both the player and parents, and are therefore geared towards making soccer enjoyable with small teams. Where possible, teams are formed with children from the same neighbourhood. From U7 to U10 the player's skill level grows, however, soccer is still *non-competitive* and consideration is given to both balanced teams as well as neighbourhood groupings. For more information refer to the **U6-U10 Program Policy on the Registration page of our website.**

The U11 and U12 divisions are referred to as Super 8 divisions (8 players on the field per team). These are transitional divisions, with the first introduction to teams chosen based on skill level. At the discretion of the club, one or more teams may be chosen to play in the Select and/or Development level leagues. Additional teams will play in the house leagues.

From U13 to U18 team formation is based strictly on skill level. Teams are registered through BCSA at the Metro Select, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Red levels. Tryouts are held from March to May to evaluate each player's skill level for the advanced teams except for Boys Red teams and Girls Silver teams which are considered open teams. The number of teams formed will depend on the number of players registered at each skill level.

When will I know what team my child is on?

Teams are formed after all player registrations, coaching applications and skill evaluations are completed. For the higher level teams this will be right after tryouts. For the house level teams this will be in late August or early September. In either case you will be contacted by the coach of the team your child is placed on around September 1st.

What nights are practices?

House level teams generally practice once per week. Older teams may practice twice per week. The U6 and U7 divisions for both Boys and Girls will practice indoors in school gyms. **The availability of individual gyms is not known until late in the year and practice times and locations cannot be guaranteed.** The U8-U18 Boys and Girls divisions practice outdoors at Port Moody Town Centre, Heritage Woods Secondary or Inlet Park. The selection of a practice time is ultimately up to the coach, who is a volunteer and must obviously be available.

Will my child have to play in bad weather?

Soccer is an outdoor game! Games are generally played rain or shine unless the weather conditions warrant closing the field for safety. In the case of a closure, the coaches will call or email to inform you that the game is cancelled. While we encourage team commitment, forcing younger children to play often produces the opposite effect. Each parent must make their own decision, but please let the coaches know if you will miss a game or practice.

When and where are the games played?

Teams generally play one game per week on the weekend. Games start at two 20 minutes halves for the youngest players and gradually increase to two 45 minute halves for the U17 and U18 divisions. Some schedules may include byes where a team has the weekend off.

The U6 (Micro Mini), U7 and U8 Boys programs are run *in house* with all games played at Inlet Park against other Port Moody Soccer Club teams. (An in-house program allows tighter schedules and does not involve travel to other fields.) The U6 to U8 Girls programs may be interlocked with the North Coquitlam United Soccer Club with games played at Inlet Park and Eagle Ridge Field.

The U9 to U18 programs are interlocked with other clubs and will involve travel to parks outside of Port Moody every other weekend.

The field allocations for the coming season are currently under review. The following table is therefore based on past years and is tentative and should only be used as a guideline.

Division	Home Park	Game Start Times	
		Boys Program	Girls Program
U6	Inlet Park	Saturday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
U7	Inlet Park	Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon	Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
U8	Inlet Park	Saturday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
U9-U10	Heritage Woods (Grass)	Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
U11-U12	Westhill Park, Heritage Wood, Aspenwood	Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
U13-U16	Heritage Mountain, Heritage Woods, Port Moody Town Centre	Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
U17-U18	Heritage Mountain, Heritage Woods, Port Moody Town Centre	Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (note this switch to Sundays for the boys)	Sunday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Are additional Development Programs offered?

The club offers a number of programs to help develop our players and coaches. In conjunction with Coerver Coaching BC we sponsor advanced training for both boys and girls at our High Performance Centre player development clinics for; U8-U10 Players, U11-U14 Players and U9-U14 Goalkeeping. These clinics are run in a single session that spans the majority of the playing season under the direction of Joe Mathot and his Coerver Staff Coaches. See our website for more details.

What if things do not work out?

A full refund will be provided only if a player can not be placed on a team. A partial refund may be available by submitting a written request to the Port Moody Soccer Club, 119 - 255 Newport Drive, Port Moody BC, V3H 5H1. All refunds are subject to a \$25 administration charge. For refund requests received after a uniform has been issued, an additional \$40 charge is levied. After October 1st an additional \$35.00 fee is levied to cover League, District and BCSA fees paid for the player. **Please note that no refunds will be issued after November 1st.**

Who should I call if I have a question?

For more information and contact numbers, visit our web site at www.portmoodysoccer.com. Please direct your questions (preferably via email) to the director or coordinator for your age group.

Parent Code of Conduct

1. I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child.
2. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
4. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
5. I will refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol at all youth sports events.
6. I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults.
7. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
8. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
9. I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.