



# Fraser Valley Soccer League



## TEAM HANDBOOK



### 2023 - 2024 Season

Welcome to the Fraser Valley Soccer League 2023/2024 season. The following information gives an overview to help you through the beginning of the season and some key dates and competition rules. A full list of Rules & Regulations is available at [www.fraservalleysoccer.com](http://www.fraservalleysoccer.com)

#### FVSL Divisions

- Premier** Top 4 qualify for Provincial 'A' Cup
- Division 1**
- Division 2** Top 3 teams qualify for Provincial 'B' Cup
- Division 3A/B/C**
- Division 4A/B**
- Masters 1** Top 3 qualify for the Provincial 'Masters A' Cup
- Masters 2** Top 2 qualify for the Provincial 'Masters B' Cup
- Masters 3** Top 2 qualify for the Provincial 'O45' Cup

#### BMSL Division

- BMSL 1** Top team qualifies for the Provincial 'B' Cup
- BMSL 2**
- BMSL 3**
- BMSL Masters** Top 2 qualify for the Provincial 'Masters B' Cup

#### Season schedule

1<sup>st</sup> weekend of play will be **September 8/9/10**. The final weekend of play in 2023 will be the weekend of **December 15/16/17**. Play will resume in 2024 on the weekend of **January 5/6/7**, weather permitting. All other key dates are available on the Schedule MAP on the homepage.

#### Referees and Fees

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|--------------|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Premier      | Referee & 2 assts. | \$100- <del>\$55</del> - <del>\$55</del> | (\$105 per team) |
| Division 1-2 | Referee & 2 assts. | \$90- <del>\$50</del> - <del>\$50</del>  | (\$95 per team)  |
| Division 3-4 | Referee            | \$90                                     | (\$45 per team)  |
| Masters 1-3  | Referee            | \$90                                     | (\$45 per team)  |
| BMSL         | Referee & 2 assts. | \$90-\$50-\$50                           | (\$95 per team)  |



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## **BC Soccer Provincial Cup**

Provincial Cup – Entry Fee **\$200** (Paid by FVSL)

Provincial Cup participants will now receive a travel allowance of up to \$1000 per trip if they are drawn away to a VISL team on Vancouver Island.



## **Match Balls**

The FVSL Standardized Match Ball to be used for all FVSL games, is the – **ADIDAS Tiro Pro - \$150 Incl. TAX (\$200 Retail)** Ball is to be presented to match official prior to all games. Replacements available at [admin@fraservalleysoccer.com](mailto:admin@fraservalleysoccer.com)

## **Player Registration – Questions s/b sent to [registrar@fraservalleysoccer.com](mailto:registrar@fraservalleysoccer.com)**

Once your team has made all league-required payments you will receive a PASSWORD to allow you to register your players. Please review the ONLINE player registration instruction manual. It is particularly important that you understand these 3 points –

1. A player must be registered 24 hours prior to the next league game.
2. A picture (headshot only) must be uploaded and approved.
3. New players must upload a government ID to show proof of name and age.
4. Once you register a player you have spent the money, no refunds or option to remove the player. Only completed TRANSFERS can remove a registered player.

**5. NEW - All Cup competitions require the player to be registered a minimum of 7 days prior to the cup game scheduled.**

## **Payment Options**

We now accept E-mail Money transfers and Credit Cards. On the homepage Press the **Payment Methods** button on the homepage for details.

## **Uniform Colours – HOME has 1<sup>st</sup> choice**

Home team colours (all 3 components) should be sent to the FVSL administrator at [admin@fraservalleysoccer.com](mailto:admin@fraservalleysoccer.com) to be placed on the website contact list – the travelling team will be responsible for changing colours to avoid any colour conflicts with JERSEYS and SOCKS. Each team is advised to travel with a 2<sup>nd</sup> set of jerseys for all games. **Bibs are NOT allowed. \$50 FINE.**



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## **FVSL Cup Competitions**

### **Pakenham Cup**

The only original OPEN cup in our league, All FVSL teams can enter the Pakenham Cup. Teams winning the trophy qualify for the Provincial 'A' Cup. Winners are awarded Medals and a Team Trophy. No entry fees.

**The Winner qualifies for the Provincial 'A' Cup competition (1)**

### **Premier League Soccer City Cup**

Premier teams, to be played in September 2023 as a round-robin competition. Winners are awarded Medals and a Team Trophy - **\$60 entry fee**

### **Presidents GARRY KNIGHTS Cup**

Divisions 2, 3 and 4 are automatically entered.

Winners are awarded Medals and a Team Trophy. No entry fees.

**The Winner qualifies for the Provincial 'B' Cup competition (1)**

### **Masters' 'A' ROB BROWN Cup**

Masters 1 teams play for the Masters 'A' Cup.

Winners are awarded Medals and a Team Trophy. No entry fees.

**The winner qualifies for the Provincial Cup Masters 'A' competition (1)**

### **Masters' 'B' WILL PEACOCK Cup**

Masters 2 & 3 teams will play for the Masters 'B' Cup.

Winners are awarded Medals and a Team Trophy. No entry fees.

**2 Finalists qualify for the Provincial Cup Masters 'B' competition (2)**

### **Masters' 'Over 45' BOB FAVELLE Cup**

Masters O45 teams will play for the Masters 'Over 45' Cup.

Winners are awarded Medals and a Team Trophy. No entry fees.

**Top 2 Over 45 teams in division qualify for the Prov. Masters 'O45'**

### **Under 21 NEIL FUGE Cup**

Under 21 teams are automatically entered.

Winners are awarded Medals and a Team Trophy. No entry fees.

**The winner qualifies for the Provincial U21 Cup vs. the VMSL (1)**

### **Bradner Cup**

**D1-2, D3-4 & 3 Masters' levels will be played in 2023 - \$60 entry fee**

## **BMSL Cup competitions**

### **BMSL Open Rudolph Cup**

**Winner qualifies for the Provincial 'B' Cup (1)**

### **BMSL Masters Kilby Cup**

**2 finalists qualify for the Provincial Cup Masters 'B' competition (2)**



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## All-Star Program

2012 introduced a new program where our Masters' and Premier All-Star teams will play the VISL All-Stars on a rotating basis. Saturday January 6, 2024 will see the FVSL send their 2 teams to face our friend from VISL. Location TBA.

## Team officials

Team officials must be registered with the FVSL. (See "Team Staff Registrations" menu) There may be no more than 6 team officials on the bench, who are either a head coach, assistant coach, manager, goalkeeper coach, trainer, or authorized club official. No spectators, especially children are allowed inside the fenced TURF area and NOT inside the covered benches. Also, injured team personnel are not allowed on the bench unless they are named as 1 of the 22 maximum players on the team sheet.

## Cup Final Day – Abbotsford United HOST @ Mouat TURF – Date TBA

Concession - Beer Garden - Pipe Band – Food Trucks

7+ Finals – Division Playoff Games - Sponsored by **Soccer City**

## Awards Night Banquet – Date TBA

Division MVP's

Golden Boot

Golden Gloves

Player of the Year

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Dinner – Cash Bar

Draw Prizes incl. VFC & Caps Tx.

Manager of the Year

Referee of the Year

Division trophy presentations

## Pre-Game Procedures – 15 min before kickoff minimum (30 minutes for Premier)

1. Match fee \$ –given prior to the match in **exact cash**.
2. Match Ball/s given to the referee prior to ALL games.
3. Team Sheets – **NEW in Premier ONLY – A maximum of 22 players can be dressed on game day**. 2 copies of the complete list (printed from the FVSL website) with all game information and players complete with jersey numbers on both copies. FVSL player ID must be shown.
4. Teams NOT prepared by the stated times will be reported by the referee and a fine of \$25 will be added to your team account.
5. Pre-game handshake – Teams will follow the protocol as directed by the match official. Both teams should walk out in a straight line behind the referees and setup on either side of the officials facing the benches. On the referee's signal, the home team should travel down the line and shake hands with the officials and then their opponent. This should not be rushed or amended, please comply for all FVSL games.



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## Match length

All games are as follows – 2 x 45-minute halves with a minimum of 5-minute halftime.

Premier should have a minimum of 10 minutes at halftime. Added time passed 45 & 90 will be decided by the match official.

## Forfeits

A team that cannot field at least 7 players for any game faces a forfeit fine of \$250 and a result of 5-0 for your opponent. **Premier Forfeits are \$500.**

## Penalty Point System

A system of penalty points is accumulated each season for your team, 1 point per yellow and 3 points per red. Teams reaching 40 points in any season are fined according to the fine structure. See website for more details.

## Permits

- i) A player registered to a club team in a lower division may be added to your team sheet on a single game permit for League games only. Clubs may use a maximum of seven (7) players on a single game permit basis.
- ii) Under-21 teams are allowed to play a maximum of two overage players per game, on a permit, so long as those two players are registered with another team of the same club. These single game permits must be handed to the referee at the same time as the team lists.
- iii) Masters aged players registered to a Premier or Division 1 team may play for a 'Masters 1' team on a club permit. These permits are valid for league games only. (See website forms)
- iv) A player who is sent off (Red Card) while playing on an inter-club single game permit shall be suspended from all further play (for any team) until his hearing and suspension are served. He is ineligible for play for the entire weekend (for all teams and games) on the final game of his suspension.

## Substitutions

All divisions are unlimited except - Premier which allows 5 substitutions during the 90 minutes and unlimited at halftime. In Premier games sub slips must always be used for the 5 maximum during play.

All substitutes shall report and/or give a substitution slip (premier only) to the referee or assistant at midfield. To replace a player with a substitute there must be a stoppage in play and the referee must acknowledge the change. This change can happen on either teams' possession at the referee's discretion. The



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player only enters the field of play after the player being replaced has left the field and after receiving a signal from the referee. The substituted player may leave from any boundary line. At the halftime interval, the substitute becomes a player once receiving a signal from the referee to enter the field prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half kickoff.

## **Golden Boot, Golden Gloves & MVP**

All divisions will be competing for

MVP - Golden Boot - Golden Gloves, presented at the annual awards night banquet. Totals are shown on the website after each weekend's games.

**Premier – Division 1 – Division 2 – Division 3 – Division 4 -  
Masters 1 – Masters 2 – Masters 3 – BMSL 1-2-3 and Masters**

## **Closures**

Home teams must supply field OPEN/CLOSED information to the league. An e-mail to [admin@fraservalleysoccer.com](mailto:admin@fraservalleysoccer.com) or TEXT to 778-242-3875 is needed, do not leave a voicemail on the league office number. The FVSL requires a 3-hour advance notice to cancel referees due to field closure or an unplayable surface. If a match official receives no prior notification of a match cancellation, and upon arrival at the field declares or realizes the match is not playable for any reason, they will receive 50% of their match fees which will be billed to the HOME team. If you want to know if a field is OPEN/CLOSED, contact the HOME team. The home team should communicate with their opponent all relevant field information when there is doubt about a field being open/closed.

## **Cancellation of Games**

### **Schedule**

The schedule cannot be changed randomly, and teams cannot decide games will be played later. All schedule changes must be approved by the FVSL. We use a 10-day window for required schedule changes. The HOME team can refuse a visitors request to change the game details.

## **Discipline**

Any player/coach who receives a red card expulsion is suspended from all activities in the FVSL at once. You can view the ONLINE discipline list for any information about your hearing and/or suspension. It is the player/coach's responsibility to attend when needed as posted on the discipline list. An e-mailed written submission can be sent to speed up your case.



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## **Referee Respect**

STANDARDS – Dissent will now be processed as a YELLOW CARD at the referee's discretion

ZERO TOLERANCE - Referee Abuse, Persistent Protests and Foul and Abusive Language towards match officials.

The FVSL supports the ZERO tolerance standard for Referee abuse either from players, coaches, or spectators. The named Coach/Manager on the team sheet will be held accountable for control of his/her team. Persistent Protests are included in the Zero Tolerance standard.

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