



NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Youth Nations Cup

October 8th - 10th, 2021

Club Photo Weekend

October 22nd – 24th, 2021

Coaches/Managers

Game & Social

October 23, 2021

PRACTICE & GAME REQUESTS

REMINDER:

We are fortunate to have a system in place for timely requests of practice and game changes, but we do stress the limitations we have in accommodating these due to matters out of our control and often times, restrictions based on field allocation permits, weather and Club events.

If your team does wish to request a game or practice change, always refer to the Practice and Game Request Forms found under the [coach's tab of our website or click here.](#)

Youth Nations Cup Tournament

Surrey United's vision is to be more than a soccer club, by being a community leader, providing a safe, inclusive, and encouraging environment for all members to achieve their full potential.



This Thanksgiving weekend, October 8-10, 2021, Surrey United SC will be hosting the Youth Nations Cup Tournament at Cloverdale Athletic Park. This is a cultural celebration, and all SUSC members and their families are invited to attend and support this unique competition.

This U18 youth tournament is different from a typical soccer tournament. This tournament provides youth players the opportunity to play with pride for the country that represents their family's heritage. Teams include Team Canada, India, Fiji, Croatia, Japan, China, Indigenous First Nations, Latin America, and Italy.

This tournament has been years in the making and is intended to ultimately help pave the way for our Province's youth players to participate in the Adult Nations Cup in Richmond, BC that has a long 40+ year history. Promoting our players participation in soccer into their adult years is an important part of our player development strategy and the goal of soccer for life.

There will be a concession and plenty of action at the field. The tournament schedule can be found here along with all the details of the tournament itself: www.youthnationscup.com. We hope to see many of you out at the park cheering loud for the team of your unique culture.

Club Photo Weekend

Our Club photo weekend will, like most other events, look different this season. We have booked our photo weekend for October 22nd, 23rd, 24th 2021. This year photos will be taken outdoors due to covid restrictions and the use of facilities put into place by the City of Surrey. Photo sessions sign-up coming soon, please watch for your email and sign-in information for your team's session.

Questions about the photo weekend can be directed to Rebecca Lowrey, VP Social & Events at ypsocial@surreyunitedsoccer.com.

Check us out on social media:



RESPECT IN SPORT

Coaches and managers are reminded that they must have a current criminal record check on file with the club and their Respect in Sport: Activity Leaders certification recorded. You may not be permitted on the field without it completed and on file.

If you need your Respect in Sport course access details, please contact our Risk Manager, Lisa Finkle:

Riskmanagement@surreyunitedsoccer.com



RETURN TO PLAY

[BC Soccer Return to Play Information](#)

[ViaSport Return to Play Guidelines](#)

[Canada Soccer Return to Play and Safe Sport Guidelines](#)

[BC Government Restart Plan](#)

[Surrey United SC Return to Play Plan](#)

Coaches' & Managers Game and Social



After a one-year hiatus, the Coaches' / Managers' game is back on and scheduled for Saturday evening, October 23rd – start time to be confirmed.

As in previous years, the event is complimentary to coaches and managers in the Club, the format will be 8 v. 8, four game round robin, with all participants assigned to one of four teams by the event organizers.

Subject to change, and as of Newsletter publication, a post tournament social is being planned for the new clubhouse "The Barn". Proof of double vaccination with a vaccine passport and photo identification is required for entry, no exceptions, based on the permit from the

City of Surrey. Coaches and Managers - watch your emails for further details and the procedure for sign up and potentially one year of bragging rights! See you there!

the BUILDING BLOCKS of surrey united soccer club

As revealed last year, the "Building Blocks of Surrey United Soccer Club" initiative allows our members to purchase individual plaques containing a family name (e.g., Smith Family), a team name (e.g., 2005B SUSC Rangers), or a business' name or logo for inclusion in the Clubhouse.

The "Building Blocks of Surrey United Soccer Club" fixture installed and located in a high traffic location and on a prominent wall of the new clubhouse, visible to those entering our Club's spacious new facility.

Gold Building Block (approx. 4"H x 6"W) \$500.00

Silver Building Block (approx. 1.75"H x 6"W) \$250.00

Bronze Building Block (approx. 1.75"H x 2.75"W) \$100.00

The sale of the remaining available plaques will be on a first-come-first-served basis between October 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 Please fill out the request form here: [Building Block Request Form](#) to request your building block. We will confirm your request and approve it for purchase within two weeks of your request. Payment instructions will be sent with your confirmation of Building Block purchase.



REFEREES WANTED

The Post-Covid need for referees is higher than it has ever been in the sport here in BC. Surrey United is looking for referees who may be inactive to come forward and assist us in filling games for the next few months as referee certification courses get underway and we start to backfill the hundreds of referees we have lost throughout the Province.

Please contact Stefan Tanaka-Freundt our Referee Coordinator for more information:

RefereeCoordinator
@surreyunitedsoccer.com

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Have a story to share? Email us before the 20th of the month to be featured in this newsletter.

Newsletter
@surreyunitedsoccer.com

MULTILINGUAL WEBSITE

Have you been on our website lately? If you have, you may have noticed you can now choose to read many our webpages in Hindi, Mandarin or Punjabi.

We will be working over the next several months to continue improving our resources in this manner and look forward to your feedback.

National Truth & Reconciliation Day



We were pleased with the initiative taken by the majority of our teams this year in recognizing and paying respects to the first National Truth & Reconciliation Day.



Orange wristbands were provided in advance of the September 30th week and many of our players were seen on the pitch wearing this along with their orange shirts.

As requested by the Club, coaches that chose to run sessions on September 30th took the time to educate and reflect on the purpose of this important day with their players. We have a lot to learn and through the power of sport, community, and family, we can start now by being more than a soccer club.



If you are curious to learn more about Truth and Reconciliation, more about the significance of the colour orange or where you can donate to Indigenous community resources and supports, please check out the following online resources: [Indian Residential School Survivors Society](#), [Orange Shirt Society](#) and [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).



CCS Mentorship Program

Another group of highly energetic mentees in grades 11 & 12 have joined the ranks of mentees before them.

Yes, its back! The Coast Capital Savings Mentorship Program has several aspiring youth leaders in this year's intake group, and they have begun their on and off field training in areas of coaching, refereeing, business management, post-secondary grant application process and much, much more.

We are so thankful to our partners at Coast Capital for supporting this successful program and look forward to our mentees getting on the field and meeting our coaches and players throughout the season ahead.



COVID-19 Protocols

RETURN TO PLAY CHECKLISTS

Did you know we have Return to Play Checklists for Parents and Players, Game Days and Visiting Teams? We do! These resources are continually being updated to provide our membership and opposing teams with the most up to date information available on the requirements and recommendations in place from our Health Authorities, ViaSport, BC Soccer, Canada Soccer, and the City of Surrey. Please remember to check the website for the most recent versions of all Return to Play documentation. The updates are always identified with a new date for ease of reference.

GAME DAY CHECKLIST

PRE-GAME COMMUNICATION & PREPAREDNESS

- o Identify time and location of game.
 - o If you are the home team, provide the opposing team with a copy of our [Visitors Guide to Return to Play at Surrey United FC](#).
 - o When playing an away game team staff must review home team's Return to Play Plan on the home club's website at least two (2) days in advance of game day.
- o Identify team meeting location for the game. (Reminder: SUSC changerooms and clubhouse are closed)
- o All facilities are capped with a maximum 50 at a time rule. Please do not put this rule at risk by warming up in endzones or sidelines when a game with close to 50 participants is already on (includes post game shin pad and cleat removal). Noncompliance risks field permits.
- o Review the game location park map (if available) for all entry and exit points.
- o Remind your parents that:
 - o Complete a COVID-19 symptom check and remain home if there are any signs of illness.
 - o BC Soccer recommends only one parent/guardian remain as a spectator at any session or game.
 - o They must adhere to all requirements of our [Return to Play Plan](#), including social distancing from one another, and remaining at least 10ft back from the field and fences.
 - o They must adhere to our [Illness Policy](#) requirements.
 - o They are not permitted on the playing surface or at the fences at any time.
 - o They must arrange to have their player meet them in a pre-determined location post-game for pick up.
- o Remind players to:
 - o Review and complete the [Player Checklist](#) before heading to the field
 - o Bring their own water bottle and hand sanitizer (labelled) in a bag of their own.
 - o Bring their own umbrella if raining – sharing of umbrellas is not permitted.
 - o Bring something to protect their backpack/bag from the elements as bags may not be under shelter due to the requirement to have all personal belongings spread 6ft apart at all time.
 - o Maintain social distance in meeting location and when entering the field.
 - o Follow any additional Return to Play requirements of the home team (if any).
- o Remind all team staff to:
 - o Review and complete the [Coach / Manager Checklist](#)
 - o Bring their own water bottle and hand sanitizer.
 - o Bring their own umbrella if raining – sharing of umbrellas is not permitted.
 - o Bring something to protect their backpack/bag from the elements as bags may not be under shelter due to the requirement to have all personal belongings spread 6ft apart at all time.
 - o Bring a mask (and gloves are strongly recommended) for any instance that may occur where physical distancing is not possible (i.e., injury).
 - o Bring fully cleaned equipment (goggles, cones, balls) to the field and keep players from touching the equipment at all time.
 - o Follow and prepare fully for any additional Return to Play requirements of the home team, if any.

Pre-Game Day communication is paramount and will save all of our teams the task of explaining spectator requirements, park meeting locations and traffic flow, social distancing requirements and for visiting teams from outside the City of Surrey, visitor requirements well in advance of kick off. We encourage team staff, players, and parents to use the resources available and make them a part of your Return to Play routines!

WHEN TO GET A COVID TEST

The BC Centre for Disease Control has published a one-page reference on when to get tested for COVID and/or stay away from activities and gathering when ill. You will find this on our website under the "Resource" tab for quick reference and use with our Illness Policy this season.

COVID-19

When to get tested for COVID-19

Based on current evidence, some symptoms are more likely to be related to COVID-19 than others.

If you or your child have any of the symptoms listed below, follow the instructions.

SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (above 38° C) • Chills • Cough 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of sense of smell or taste • Difficulty breathing <p>1 or more of these symptoms: Get tested and stay home.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sore throat • Loss of appetite • Headache • Body aches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme fatigue or tiredness • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea <p>If you have 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p>2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and wait 24 hours to see if you feel better. Get tested if not better after 24 hours.</p>

If you are a close contact* of someone who has COVID-19 and have any of the symptoms listed above:
Get tested and stay home.