



# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back!

*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.*

The Fall/Winter 2021/22 season has finally arrived! Welcome back to our returning members and their families and a very warm welcome to all our new SUSC families. This season we are thrilled to have nearly 100 Mini U6-U10 teams in our Mini Program, alongside our extremely popular U4/U5 Future Prospects participants. We are home to over 75 youth teams in the U11-U18 age group with additional U13-U18 Metro and BCSPL teams adding to our youth program providing the community with a comprehensive development program for every level of play. Our Adult Program has 11 teams of its own, with all ages and ability level represented.



We are Surrey United, more than just a soccer club, we are family and for those that are new to SUSC, we hope you feel at home with us and enjoy the experience of being a part of our community.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Fall Academies & Programs

Registration Open Online

#### Team Staff Members Age-Group Specific Meetings (Zoom)

##### **U6-U7 Team Staff**

Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> 8:15pm

##### **U8 – U10 Development Staff**

Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm

##### **U8 - U10 Community Staff**

Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm

##### **U11 & U12 Select Team Staff**

Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> 7:15pm

##### **U11 & U12 Community Staff**

Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> 8:15pm

##### **U13 – U18 Community Staff**

Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> 8:15pm

#### New Member Meeting

Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

#### SUSC Member Town Hall

Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm

#### Youth Nations Cup

October 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Club Photo Weekend

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Coast Capital Savings

#### Mentorship Program

TBC

#### National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Statutory Holiday

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Coaches/Managers Game and Social

TBC

## Surrey United Soccer Club MEMBER (VIRTUAL) TOWN HALL

As part of Surrey United Soccer Club's on-going communication with our membership we are inviting all members to attend a Town Hall Virtual meeting and join Surrey United in discussion on the upcoming Fall/Winter 2021/22 Season. All members are welcome to register and attend.

Please take the opportunity to join us online, to hear the details of our 2021/2022 programming, find answers to the most frequently asked questions of our members.

**All Members Town Hall - Sunday September 12th 8:00pm**

When: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 8:00 PM

**You must register in advance for the Town Hall:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvceioqTgiE9094kAGxf139m6e2\\_1kJ7Zc](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvceioqTgiE9094kAGxf139m6e2_1kJ7Zc)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We welcome and are always seeking new volunteers for a variety of tasks, events, and positions. No matter how much or how little time you have, all participation and support is welcomed and is encouraged.

See our website Volunteer Page for the Expression of Interest form. All are welcome!

Starting Fall 2022 changes to our volunteer program will be implemented to align with nearly all other local youth sports organizations and will include a family volunteer deposit and opt-out option to encourage support to the Club in areas volunteers are needed the most. Watch for more details on this throughout the fall.

## UNIFORM & APPAREL REMINDERS

As we enter the season ahead coaches, parents and players are reminded of the Club's policies on uniforms and additional club apparel, including use of last names on jerseys, use of the SUSC logo and sourcing options from our Club supplier. Please see our website for details.

## CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

For more on Surrey United SC's corporate sponsorship program contact our Sponsorship Coordinator Rachel Krisnawan at:

[sponsorship@surreyunitedsoccer.com](mailto:sponsorship@surreyunitedsoccer.com)  
and check out our website at:  
[www.surreyunitedsoccer.com/sponsorship](http://www.surreyunitedsoccer.com/sponsorship)

# FALL ACADEMY PROGRAMS

The Club prides itself on its focus on player development, enjoyment, and advancement. Our academy programs are led by SUSC Technical Staff Coaches and we believe them to be the best available coaching staff out there! Our academy programming provides accessibility to players of all skill levels and experience in the sport. All sessions are held at Cloverdale Athletic Park. Registration is open online: [www.surreyunitedsoccer.com/academyprograms](http://www.surreyunitedsoccer.com/academyprograms).



### SUDA Skills MAX Program Overview

The 2021/22 Surrey United Development Academy (SUDA) Skills MAX program is a 16-session training program being offered at Surrey United SC, Monday nights on Turf Field #1 for all players in the U7-U14 (2008 - 2015) age-groups. [SUDA Skills MAX Program Details & Registration](#)

### Goalkeeper Training Academy Program Overview

The 2021/22 Surrey United Goalkeeping Academy will be held on Monday evenings on Turf Field #1. This program includes 16 weeks of training sessions. This program is open to all goalkeepers or aspiring goalkeepers in the 2004 - 2013 age groups. [Goalkeeper Academy Program Details & Registration](#)



### BC SPL High-Performance Academy Program Overview

Surrey United Soccer Club (SUSC) is excited to offer its BC SPL High-Performance Academy (HPA) development program for the U10-U12 (2010 - 2012 born) select players in the region. This program is by invite only, based on evaluation process and evaluation sessions are September 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. [BC SPL High Performance Academy Program Details and Evaluation Sign Up](#)

### Speed & Quickness Program Overview

The Speed & Quickness Program is a 12-week program for U13-U16 (2006-2009) players that focuses on developing the techniques and specific muscles for speed, power, and quick movements. The program curriculum is designed to provide participants with supplemental training sessions, which will complement their soccer practices and other activities. [Speed & Quickness Details & Registration](#)

Check us out on social media:



## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

[newsletter@surreyunitedsoccer.com](mailto:newsletter@surreyunitedsoccer.com)

## REGISTRARS WANTED

We are implementing a new structure to our SUSC registration administration by expanding our Registrar team for 2022.

The roles require a willingness to support our growing Club, exceptional organization and communication skills, intermediate computer literacy and individuals that pride themselves on being exceptionally detail oriented.

Come join the team and be a part of something special. No previous Registrar experience needed.

If interested, please complete the Volunteer Expression of Interest on our Current Volunteer Opportunities page under "About Us" on the website!

## CLUBHOUSE USE

The Clubhouses are still not open for use by Surrey United teams and members. The City of Surrey tells us there is a high likelihood of opening these city buildings for expanded use in early fall and when they do, we will have an clubhouse use request form that will be a mandatory requirement for any groups wishing to use either of these buildings.

# YOUTH NATIONS CUP



It is finally possible! The long-awaited, inaugural Youth Nations Cup Tournament will officially take place in July 2022 however, Surrey United Soccer Club and the Youth Nations Cup Tournament Organizing Committee have agreed with team representatives from fourteen (14) Nation teams, to host a preliminary, round robin tournament over Thanksgiving weekend here at Cloverdale Athletic Park.

**Event Date:** October 8th - 10th, 2021

**Location:** Cloverdale Athletic Park, Surrey, BC

**Age Groups:** U18

### Player Registration and Evaluations

We invite and highly encourage our interested SUSC U18 players to register their interest in participating in this tournament and declaring the nation and the team they would like to represent.

### Tournament Volunteers

The organizing committee needs volunteers for a variety of areas of this tournament, including organization, concession, field marshalling, weekend event operations and many other important areas. Consider signing up through the website to help us make this special event a positive, community celebration.

### Tournament Sponsors

This tournament is brand new, never been held previously and sponsors seeking a unique opportunity to be involved in this event are being sought and are welcome to reach out with their ideas for products and monetary sponsorships of all varieties. Please contact the team today at [ynctournament@gmail.com](mailto:ynctournament@gmail.com) or sign up through the website. All details on this SUSC-hosted tournament can be found on the website: [www.youthnationscup.com](http://www.youthnationscup.com).

## Club Photo Weekend



Our Club photo weekend will, like most other events, look different this season. We have booked our photo weekend for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 and will be using multiple photographers and multiple clubhouse facilities for the photo opportunities. Questions about the photo weekend can be directed to Rebecca Lowrey, VP Social & Events at [vpsocial@surreyunitedsoccer.com](mailto:vpsocial@surreyunitedsoccer.com).

## ONLINE CLUBWEAR STORE

**SOCCER X**

Our Soccer Express SUSC Clubwear store is online and stocked ready for your upcoming SUSC gear and fanwear orders. All members

have access to special SUSC discounts on SUSC Adidas clubwear and everything Soccer Express has in store and online as well (including cleats!). It is a great time to stock up on extra shorts and socks for the season ahead as well. **Online store is located for your convenience, here.**

## COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS

Ronan's coaching achievements include:

Guided South Melbourne FC U16's to 2<sup>nd</sup> place after 8 games in the NPL

Coached South Melbourne FC U16's to victory over professional youth side Melbourne City FC

Provincial Champion with Fusion FC 02 Boys (First time in Fusion FC history on the boy's side)

Provincial Runners up with Fusion FC 01 Girls

Two-time Coastal Cup Runners up with VFC 03 Boys

Two-time Metro league Runners up with VFC 03 Boys

Qualification for Metro Provincials with VFC 03 boys

Qualified for National Championships with KPU as Assistant coach (first time in KPU history)

Nationally ranked for the entire season with KPU as Assistant coach (first time in KPU history)

2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Fraser Valley U21 league with Coastal FC U21's

South Belfast youth league winner as a player with Rosario FC

Northern Ireland youth cup runner up as a player with Rosario FC

Rose bowl shield winner at the Foyle cup as a player with Rosario FC

# Meet Ronan Kelly Assistant Technical Director

Ronan Kelly has joined our senior technical staff team over the summer following his successful coaching tenor with the Club in our BCSPL program, our SUDA Max and HPA Academies and now, SUSC's Assistant Technical Director. Ronan will primarily be responsible for our player development and academy programs, working alongside Assistant TD, Ari Adams and under the direction of SUSC Technical Director, Jeff Clarke. Ronan has been coaching for over 7 years and has a passion and drive for all levels of play and specifically, player development.



Originally from Belfast, Ireland you will note Ronan's accent immediately upon meeting him, however, he has now lived in Canada for over 8 years.

Ronan started playing soccer at 5 years old and played for over 7 years at his local youth team Rosario FC, before moving on to play for several other clubs. At 19 he stopped playing competitively and instead, turned his attention to coaching.

*"I have always been passionate about soccer since I was young. My favourite team is Liverpool FC and I have seen them play at Anfield many times. I love the atmosphere and enthusiasm the Liverpool fans bring, and for me, there is nowhere else like it in the world."*

Aside from soccer, Ronan tries to keep up to date with the MMA/Boxing world and snowboards over the winter, something he never thought he would ever do before moving to Canada.

When asked about his new role here at SUSC, Ronan said, *"I'm excited to start my new role at the club as Assistant Technical Director. I know from my experience already, that Surrey United SC is a strong club to be part of. I'm really looking forward to continuing to grow as a person and a coach, under the guidance of both Jeff Clarke and Ari Adams. We have amazing staff at the club, and we are only going to go from strength to strength over the next few years and I hope to contribute as much as I can. I'm really looking forward to meeting everybody over the next few months, please feel free to come over and introduce yourselves."*



## Member Resources: Website

As we all look forward to fall, we want to bring attention to updated resources on our website including our new Coaches and Managers Information Page and our updated Resources and Coaches tabs on our website. Return to Play Information will always be located under our "Resources" tab alongside field maps, safety information and links to various resources to help you navigate through SUSC and our governing bodies BC Soccer and Canada Soccer Association. Please make yourself comfortable with the website and refer to it often throughout the season.

<http://www.surreyunitedsoccer.com>

## PRACTICE AND GAME REQUESTS

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.](#)

## RESPECT IN SPORT

With the season just around the corner, 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](mailto:riskmanagement@surreyunitedsoccer.com)



# Surrey United Players Selected for Whitecaps Residency Program



Three players from our Surrey United BC SPL program have been called up to the Whitecaps Residency Program. We are proud to see these players advance to the next level of play and wish them all the best. A big congratulations to:

Matheus De Souza (2005 Boys)  
Savic Vellios (2005 Boys)  
Luka Banovic (2007 Boys)

## Micro Technical Lead Tammi Vincent

This season we are thrilled to bring a new role to the technical leadership team with the creation of our new Micro Technical Lead position. Tammi Vincent will fill this important role that focuses on the development of our U5-U7 players as they learn the fundamentals of the sport and physical literacy.



Tammi is a BC Soccer Provincial B License holder and has been coaching soccer for over 25 years and has been involved with Grassroots, Skills and Development and high performance Academies, Metro, developmental and Provincial team programming. Tammi has been coaching with Surrey United for the past 9 years, involved primarily with our SUDA Skills Max Academy and the U6/U7 Mini program for the past 2 years.

This fall Tammi will also be the head coach of one of SUSC's Division 1 adult women's teams

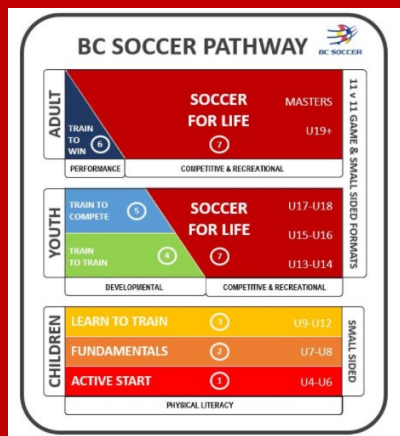
sharing the depth and breath of her coaching experience which stemmed from her own experience coaching her three daughters through their own youth soccer years.



When asked about her outlook on the role and the season ahead, Tammi told us, *"I am very excited to be part of the Micro soccer program. I look forward to the continued privilege of participating in the development of young soccer players from ages 4-7, embracing the opportunity to share my enthusiasm of the game and having the opportunity to encourage children playing and learn soccer in a fun and inclusive environment. I look forward to the role of assisting new coaches as they embrace their role in the micro coaching program. I am equally excited about the mentorship and coaching opportunities this program has for our junior coaches at Surrey United."*

In addition to enjoying my time on the field coaching, Tammi lives an active life running, biking, hiking, and travelling with her family.

## REFEREE EDUCATION



If you are interested in becoming a referee, watch our website and this newsletter for upcoming SUSC-hosted Referee Clinics and reach out directly to Stefan at:

[RefereeCoordinator@surreyunitedsoccer.com](mailto:RefereeCoordinator@surreyunitedsoccer.com)

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you require financial assistance for any of our programs, or your family has fallen on hard times please contact a SUSC Registrar for further information on the several programs and funding options we have for those suffering hardship or needing a little extra help. Our goal is to ensure financial barriers are not the reason a child cannot participate in sport.

Kidsport link: [CLICK HERE](#)  
Jumpstart link: [CLICK HERE](#)  
Athletics for Kids: [CLICK HERE](#)



## SUSC Referee Program 2021/22

We are pleased to confirm two new leaders in our Referee Development Program. We welcome Stefan Tanaka-Freundt as our Referee Coordinator this season and



Dr. Tim Waddington as our Referee Scheduler. As our program continues to rebound from a year of almost no games to referee, we are thrilled to be supporting these two individuals in their roles over the season ahead.

*"I'm excited to pass on my knowledge of the game to all of the referees at Surrey United in my new role with the club. As a high school teacher, this position combines the best of both worlds as I will be doing on field mentoring at games along with running theoretical and practical education sessions."* -Stefan Tanaka-Freundt

Stefan has been on Canada Soccer's National List of Officials as an Assistant Referee since 2018 and

currently officiates in professional competitions such as the Canadian Premier League, Canadian Championship and Major League Soccer. Like most referees at Surrey United, he got his start refereeing youth matches in Surrey where he was raised.

Dr. Tim Waddington has over twenty years' experience as a public-school educator and advocate for children and youth. Dr. Waddington currently holds a position Lecturer in the Faculty of Education at UBC as well as an Associate Directorship with the Imaginative Education Research Group based at Simon Fraser University and we are excited to have him join us in the referee program to fuel his love of the game!



## SUPER SOCCER (ADAPTIVE) PROGRAM



This program provides a barrier-free training opportunity for children to participate in a sport regardless of any obstacle that may make participation in traditional programming a challenge. This program is adapted for and focused on providing an environment specific to children with physical disabilities, ADHD, FASD, OCD and other cognitive challenges.

This program will be open to male and female players in the U7-U14 (2008 - 2015) age-groups. It will include ten (10), 1-hour training sessions each week.

For more on this program: [Super Soccer \(Adaptive\) Program Information and Registration](#)