

NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

Spring & Annual Registration Online January 3, 2022

Winter Break Return January 3, 2022

SUSC Photos Retakes January 2022

<u>Coaching Courses</u>
January 8/9 Active Start
January 15/16 Fundamentals

Annual Awards February 2022

Bootcamp Against Bullying February 2022

Mini Jamboree Feb 27/28

<u>Last weekend of games</u> Mar 5/6

Annual General Meeting April 2022

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

Newsletter@surreyunited soccer.com

Christmas at CAP 2021

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 weekend the park experienced Christmas at CAP once again as the big guy returned with holiday cheer, hot chocolate and candy canes for our young members and their families. It was a wonderful sight to see the holiday spirit on the sidelines and at the new clubhouse as we continue to gradually move towards our normal community gatherings and experience face time once again. Huge thank you to Santa for making the long trip from the North Pole especially for our Club this year.

4th ANNUAL "BAGS OF HOPE"

Reminder to all teams of our 4th annual "**Bags of Hope**" drop offs December 10th and 17th. Thank you to the dozens of teams that have signed up to help a family in need



this holiday season. We are so proud of our club's community commitment to giving back each year through this important initiative.

Questions about this event can be directed to Rebecca Lowrey, SUSC Events Coordinator at

vpsocial@surreyunitedsoccer.com or Farzana Harji at farzanaharji@gmail.com.

Check us out on social media:



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

SCHEDULE 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.

HOLIDAY BREAK

Remiunder that practices end December 10, 2021 and resume January 3rd, 2022. Our first games in 2022 will be January 8/9, 2022.

2021 AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Surrey United SC's Annual Awards Nominations are now online! The Club encourages all members of the soccer club (including parents, coaches, managers, volunteers etc.) and community to participate in the nomination process by

acknowledging and celebrating members' achievements, exemplary performances and contributions to the soccer club and community in accordance with specific criteria for each award. The Awards Nomination criteria are found on our website and we will be seeking nominations from players, coaches, managers, volunteers, parents, and grandparents as well as the community at large.



Visiting SUSC Alumni



Former Surrey United players, Joel Waterman and Vagelli Boucas recently paid a visit to their old stomping grounds here at Cloverdale Athletic Park. The two took a walk down memory lane in the new clubhouse to view the photos of their former teammates and revisit the memories of those winning matches and Club victories. Their stories were shared with a few of our

BCSPL hopefuls who were helping Santa with our mini players throughout the day.

Joel provided the Club with an autographed MLS Club de Foot Montréal jersey which will be hung with pride on the walls of the clubhouse in recognition of the small part we played in his player development pathway. Thank you, Joel!



SPONSOR UPDATE



We are proud to announce the recommitment of Physiostation as our BCSPL program sponsor. Physiostation has been our BCSPL partner for several years and will continue to support this program over the next two years. As a sponsor and a valued sports medicine partner, we thank you for your continued commitment to our membership!

REGISTRAR TEAM NEWS

Erin Billing will be ending her term with the Club as our Youth Registrar in February 2022. Erin has put years of hard work into the Youth Registrar role for which we are very grateful. Erin will continue with the Club in her capacity as the Club's VP, Girls and on field with the U21Gs and as an SUSC adult player. Thank you, Erin!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Registrars who will begin their roles in February as we expand our Registrar team to a team of three!

Lisa Finkle will remain on the team, taking on the Senior Registrar role and overseeing the team and general Club registrations for all programs and specifically our micro age groups (U5-U7). As part of her role and in recognition of her long tenure and truly of her role at the heart of the membership, Lisa will oversee the new Mini Registrar, Neha Chumber and our new Youth Registrar, Lauren Birch.

Watch for more details in the coming months on this fantastic team!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

We would like to welcome Lori Porter to the newly created role of Volunteer Coordinator. Lori has been with our BCSPL program for many years and has graciously agreed to work with us in the coming season to help us coordinate volunteer opportunities within the Club. To reach Lori about volunteer opportunities, email her at:

volunteer@surreyunitedsoccer.com

SPRING & ANNUAL REGISTRATION

Spring League Season registration will be live on January 3rd, 2022. We will also be offering our spring/fall annual registration option once again due to extremely popular demand! Annual registration comes with a discount and provides families with a



longer installment plan throughout 2022. FAQs are online now and continually being updated leading to the January 3rd opening date.

Check back often and reach out to our Registrar team if you have any questions about either the Spring 2022 League Season or the Annual

the BUILDING BLOCkS of surrey united soccer club

Surrey United Soccer Club is pleased to confirm that the new Clubhouse is complete and awaiting formal opening by the City of Surrey. 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 is 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 December 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022. 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.



UNIFORM AND APPAREL POLICY

Just a friendly reminder to all teams of our uniform and team apparel policy.

Of note:

- → All player socks and shorts are provided for players to keep. Mini players (U10 and under) may keep their jerseys at the end of each season, U11-U18 players are to return their jerseys at the end of each playing season.
- → Club uniform orders are made with the information available at the time of ordering. There are no exchanges of unforms unless the item is two sizes too big or too small for the player.
- → Additional logos, numbers, or names are not permitted on any Club jersey. This includes last names on the back of any jersey.
- Any team wishing to purchase alternative team training shirts or other alternative team apparel not listed on the Club Team Store that is intended to represent the Club in any manner (with or without the Club logo) requires the written approval of the Club's Executive Committee.
- → The Club's logo may not be used on any non-Team Store apparel without written permission of the Club.

BCSPL 2021 PLAYERS OF DISTINCTION

This year's BCSPL players of distinction were chosen using the following criteria:

SHOWED A HIGH LEVEL OF CHARACTER THROUGHOUT 2021

DISPLAYED EXAMPLE OF A TEAM-FIRST ATTITUDE AND SPORTSMANSHIP

WAS THERE TO ASSIST CLUB AND COMMUNITY

STRONG ATTENDANCE AND HIGH-LEVEL CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE

2009

Mya Lowrey, Julianna Warren, Manav Badwal and Rajdeep Mundi

2008

Jacey Dudlets, Mackenzie Billon, Nkaia Bobb, Liam Campagna, Lucas Jackson **2007**

Zahra Bains, Sienna Church, Diya Kajla, Sloan Hatch, Matthew Lowrey

2006

Gursimran Garcha, Brooke Cassidy, Hannah Dhillon, Elijah Headley, Jorryn Gill, Dominik Henriques

2005

Gursimran Sekhon, Bailey Doerksen, Aiden Evans, Vito Decotis

2004

Maddox Colligan, Sidney Casidy, Sophie Crowther, Kamil Basiak, Yasmine Pahal, Hannah Bains

CLUB OPERATIONS THANK YOU

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our Club operations staff as we end the 2021 calendar year. This year has been incredibly challenging, in different ways than last year was; supply chain and equipment challenges, scheduling nightmares, administrative deadlines, COVID safety controls, including vaccination passport collection (and then to have the requirement removed again), registration challenges and demands from the District, BC Soccer and the Canada Soccer Association, photo weekend challenges and organization, Youth Nations Cup organization and on-field delivery, our Referee program struggles and our sponsor commitments and extensions.



Thank you all of you: Michael and Janet Hicks, Lisa Finkle, Erin Billing, Ryan Harding, Ari Adams, Ronan Kelly, Jeff Clarke, Stefan Tanaka-Freundt, Tim Waddington, Rachel Krisnawan, Ryan Rodford, Lucy Griffiths, Raj Deol, Farzana Harji, Spiro Pegios and all the others that make the club operate to its fullest ability with any and all challenges thrown at it.

We would also like to thank our *Operations and Executive Committee* members for their leadership and commitment to the Club, often at the expense of watching their own children play or having down time of their own. Thank you, Yasmin Church, Erin Billing, Lisa Finkle, Ryan Rodford, Roman Sedlack, Oliver Villagran, Rebecca Lowrey, Kelly Forster, Paul Walker, Dave Fjermestad, Jeff Clarke and Chris Heaney.

Thank you for making Surrey United Soccer Club the well-organized Club it is that provides our membership with a level of service that cannot be matched!