



U14-U18 Rules, Team Information and Field Locations

Thank-you for participating in the 2023 30th Annual Richmond Thanksgiving Tournament. This year's title sponsor is [Sandhar Trucking](#), a Richmond-based company who continually supports youth soccer in the community! We are excited to be hosting 242 teams (140 boys and 102 girls) in both the U14-U18 Tournament and U8-U12 Festival. Thank-you to the City of Richmond Parks & Recreation for the fantastic facilities!

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the territory of the hən'q'əmin'əm' language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we play soccer and live, and upon where the Musqueam people continue their traditions and cultural education.

Richmond United FC would like to acknowledge the contributions of our Title Sponsor & Silver Sponsors:

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The Girls Tournament Headquarters is located at Boyd Soccer Complex (Francis Road and #1 Road).

The Boys Tournament Headquarters is located at Minoru Park at the Event Centre of the Minoru Centre for Active Living. The Event Centre is located at the northeast corner of the building overlooking Minoru Oval field and Minoru 3 field.

All games U14-U18 are spread out across a variety of fields in Richmond both grass and turf. The tournament is using 17 grass fields and 10 turf fields. **Canopies and benches ARE NOT PROVIDED, but please feel free to bring your own.** The Headquarters provides information, general co-ordination, tournament draws, and medal presentations. Each of the 37 fields in use do not have a tournament desk.

Games and General Information

1. There is no pre-game check-in.
2. **Please have your player ID cards or registrar letter/photo ids and match day rosters (x2) ready for each game.** Failure to present id cards or registrar letter/photo ids will result in forfeit of game.
3. **Pick-ups must be from the same level or lower. BCSPL players are not permitted in the tournament.**
4. Washrooms will be available at, or near all fields (community centres or porta-potties). The following fields are serviced by nearby community centres (field not listed will have a porta pottie at the field)
 - Burnett fields (Thompson Community Centre)
 - South Arm fields (South Arm Community Centre)
 - Hugh Boyd fields (West Richmond Community Centre)
 - Minoru Park fields (Minoru Event Centre)
5. Please read the rules ahead of time (below). Game lengths are:
 - **U14-U15 30 minute halves**
 - **U16-U18 35 minute halves**
6. No games have overtime. FIFA penalty shots for finals only.
7. Scores are reported by the **game referee.**
8. Results will be posted at www.richmondfc.ca (boys) and www.richmondunitedsoccer.ca (girls) through the day and at the tournament desk.
9. *****VIEWING AT ALL TURF FIELDS***:** Only players, team coaches, tournament officials and referees are permitted on the turf (AT) fields. Spectators are to watch games from bleachers or outside fence. **Spectators on the turf fields will be asked to move off.**
10. *****ONLY WATER IS PERMITTED ON TURF FIELDS***:** please do not bring coffee, tea, juice, etc... or food snacks on to the turf field.
11. Medals for winner and runner-up will be presented at the Minoru Headquarters. Presentations will take place following the final of each group if a final is played, or after the last game of the winning team in a round robin grouping.
12. Food trucks will be located at both Minoru and Boyd sites.
13. First Aid/Athletic Trainers (SportsMed BC) will be located at Minoru and Boyd sites however serious medical issues should go to: 1) Richmond Hospital Emergency (7000 Westminster Hwy) or Richmond City Centre Urgent & Primary Care (4671 No. 3 Rd Unit #110).

Problems and Issues

1. We need to keep games to schedule. Please be ready to play at assigned time.
2. If no referee is present, report this as below so that we can try to remedy the absence, but you must start the game yourselves within 10 minutes of the assigned time. Each team will referee one half, unless both agree on one person refereeing the whole game.
3. The tournament rules will answer many questions. If not, ask at the tournament desk, or call the tournament directors as follows:

Tournament Director/Scheduling, Logistics & Volunteers: Tania Webster 236-990-1955

Referee Scheduler: Emad Ghashghaee 604-727-7724

Head Referee: Emad Ghashghaee

Discipline (via Tournament Director): 236-990-1955

FIELD LOCATIONS – please visit the City of Richmond website at the below link:

<https://www.richmond.ca/parks-recreation/about/sports/field-sports/fieldstatus.htm>

Please note that grass fields will always show as closed.

TOURNAMENT RULES FOLLOW ON PAGE 3 & 4

2023 Richmond Thanksgiving Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. FIFA rules apply, except as modified by tournament rules.
2. Only BC Soccer registered players and teams and affiliate clubs can take part in the tournament. Academies must complete BC Soccer Short Term Player Permit if players are not members of a grassroots soccer club.
3. TEAMS MAY PICK UP PLAYERS FROM OTHER REGISTERED TEAMS OF THE SAME OR LOWER CALIBRE ONLY. In case this isn't clear, as an example, a Metro team player CANNOT play on a Division 2 team. TEAMS SHOULD BE OWN TEAM WITH MINIMUM ADDITIONS TO FIELD A TEAM. **NO STACKED TOURNAMENT TEAMS.** ANYONE BREAKING THIS RULE IS LIABLE TO DISQUALIFICATION. If you are picking up players that are "not normally" on your team, you must complete a BC Soccer Player Participation Request Form.
4. Match Day Rosters (2 copies) must be provided at each game. **ID cards required. If ID cards are not produced then it is an automatic forfeit and a friendly will be played. If you are picking up a player, per eligibility, please ensure that you have the player's ID card.**
5. **A player may only play for one team in the tournament.**
6. Home teams wear alternates if required, and provide the game ball. In the finals, the 2nd place team is home.
7. Everyone likes tournaments to run to time. All games will start on time. There will be a maximum 5 minutes grace – any team without 7 players 5 minutes after scheduled time will default (score = 3-0), and/or may face further penalty.
8. All games will be:
U14 – U15: Two 30 minute halves
U16 – U18: Two 35 minute halves. All games maximum 5-minute half-time. There will usually be assistant referees for U16-U18 games. For all other games, each team provides a linesman to indicate only when the ball is out of play. These linesmen are NOT to signal off sides.
9. Final games (only), which are tied after regular time will go straight to FIFA penalty shots.
10. Division format is dependent on number of entries. Minimum 3 games guaranteed.
11. Points are allotted as follows:
win = 3 points (*****goal differential will be a maximum 3 per game*****)
tie = 1 point
loss = 0 points.
If points are even, tie-breakers will be used in the following order (i.e., a. first, then b. if still tied, then c, then d):
 - a. Head-to-head results
 - b. Goal difference (goals for minus goals against, max. 3 per game)
 - c. Least total goals conceded
 - d. Coin toss

12. The Discipline Committee will review all discipline issues after each game. **Red cards incur an automatic next game suspension, plus possible further penalty.** Suspensions will be referred to a player's home District in case suspensions carry over to league play.
13. Any protests need to be submitted within 30 minutes of game end, **in writing**, to the Tournament desk. **The Tournament Committee's decision is final.**
14. If the players, coaches or supporters of any team are found to have abused (including verbally) any referee or official, that team risks instant disqualification, as does any team causing an abandoned game, or involved in gross misconduct.
15. The Tournament Committee can clarify or amend rules as appropriate.

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Tournament participants are entitled to 15% off until November 12, 2023 with the below coupon.



Azuma Foods <http://azumatei.ca/>

Tournament participants are entitled to 10% off online shopping at Azuma Foods with code RICHMONDFC10 or QR Code.

