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SELECT TEAM PROGRAM



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Welcome Message

Congratulations and welcome to the BCSA Select Team Program—where talent meets opportunity!

This program brings together top players from across our district to train, grow, and compete at a higher level while staying connected to their home clubs.

You've been selected not just for your skill, but for your work ethic, attitude, and potential.



Duncan Hawkins

Vice-President, BCSA

Vision

"To unite and elevate the top youth soccer talent across our district by providing a development-focused, community-connected program that challenges players to grow in skill, character, and confidence. Through high-level training, competitive opportunities, and mentorship, we strive to foster future leaders in sport and life—built from the grassroots, ready for the next level." - *Duncan Hawkins and Cody Craig, BCSA*



Our Culture

The BCSA Select Program is built on a culture of excellence, respect, and unity. We believe that every player, coach, and supporter contributes to a positive, high-performance environment where growth is measured not only by results, but by effort, attitude, and character.

We foster a culture where:

- Hard work is expected.
- Team comes first.
- Respect is non-negotiable.
- Mistakes are opportunities.
- Every voice matters.
- Pride in our rural roots drives us forward.

✓ Integrity

Players are expected to lead with integrity, compete with humility, and support one another as teammates and ambassadors of their home communities. This program is not just about playing at a higher level—it's about setting a higher standard.

✓ Commitment

Being part of the BCSA Select Team is a privilege that comes with responsibility. Players are expected to consistently attend practices, tournaments, and team events, while maintaining their commitment to their home clubs. This program demands effort, communication, and respect—on and off the field. By accepting a spot, players and families agree to show up with purpose, support their teammates, and represent both their community and district with pride.





Program Details



What You Can Expect From Us

The following sections outline everything you need to know about the BCSA Select Program. From player identification and tryouts to training commitments, tournaments, development focus, and code of conduct — these details are designed to set clear expectations and help players and families understand what it means to be part of this elite program.

What We Expect From You

The BCSA Select Program is more than just a team — it's a commitment to excellence. We expect players to bring focus, dedication, and a willingness to grow at every session and game. Families play an important role too, by supporting their players, encouraging sportsmanship, and helping foster a positive team environment.





Player Identification

Every eligible player has an opportunity to try-out for the Select Program. Players will be selected based on their level of technical abilities, coachabilities, and performance.

- Technical ability
- Tactical awareness
- Physical fitness
- Positive attitude & coachability

Player identification is at the heart of the BCSA Select Program. Our goal is to find the most passionate, skilled, and coachable players from across the district who are ready to challenge themselves.

Evaluations focus on technical ability, tactical awareness, physical fitness, and positive attitude, ensuring we select players who will thrive in a competitive, team-focused environment.





Training and Commitment

Being part of the BCSA Select Program requires a higher level of dedication. Players are expected to attend training sessions regularly, arrive prepared, and bring their best effort to every practice and game. Training is designed to be challenging and push players to grow technically, tactically, physically, and mentally.

Families are asked to support this commitment by helping players manage schedules, prioritizing attendance, and reinforcing positive habits off the field. The goal is to create a culture where everyone is working together to help each player reach their potential.





Competition/ Tournaments

The Select Program focuses on giving players meaningful competition to challenge their skills and promote growth. Teams will participate in carefully chosen local and provincial tournaments, with the goal of exposing players to a higher level of play and giving them opportunities to experience different styles of competition. This helps players learn to adapt, problem-solve, and perform under pressure.

As the program develops, opportunities for inter-district play, showcase events, and even international tournaments may be explored to further expand player horizons. Tournament play is also a chance for players to bond as a team, represent BCSA proudly, and create memories that will last beyond the season.

These competitions are not just about winning — they are about learning, building confidence, and developing a competitive mindset that players can carry into future soccer opportunities.





Player Development

The BCSA Select Program is built around the Canada Soccer Four-Corner Model, ensuring every player develops as a whole athlete and person. Our focus includes:

- **Technical & Tactical:** Mastering advanced skills, learning position-specific roles, and improving decision-making on the field.
- **Physical:** Building fitness, agility, strength, and injury prevention habits to sustain performance.
- **Psychological:** Encouraging confidence, resilience, focus, and a growth mindset to handle challenges.
- **Social & Emotional:** Fostering teamwork, leadership, respect, and pride in representing the district.

The goal is to prepare players not just for the next level of soccer, but for success in life through discipline, commitment, and character development.





Code of Conduct



Being part of the BCSA Select Program is a privilege and comes with high expectations. All players, parents, and coaches are required to follow the program's Code of Conduct, which promotes respect, integrity, teamwork, and sportsmanship on and off the field.

The Code of Conduct exists to create a safe, positive, and professional environment where every player can thrive. It outlines how we expect everyone involved with the program to act before, during, and after games or practices.

Key commitments include:

- **Respect:** Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and spectators with courtesy at all times.
- **Sportsmanship:** Win or lose with class, and represent BCSA with pride.
- **Commitment:** Attend practices, games, and tournaments regularly and communicate absences responsibly.
- **Positive Support:** Parents and guardians are expected to encourage players and refrain from negative sideline behavior.
- **Accountability:** Everyone involved is responsible for upholding the standards of the program.

By following the Code of Conduct, we ensure that BCSA is seen as a model program that values player development, fair play, and community representation.



Cost and Sponsorship

Participation in the BCSA Select Program includes program fees that help cover the cost of:

- Tournament registrations
- Training facility rentals
- Coaching and program administration
- Team uniforms, training kits, and equipment

We work hard to keep costs as reasonable as possible while maintaining a high-quality program. Payment plans or assistance may be offered to ensure financial challenges do not prevent qualified players from participating.

BCSA actively seeks sponsorships and community partnerships to help offset costs, reduce barriers for families, and keep the program accessible. Sponsors not only support player development but also become part of a community initiative to raise the level of soccer across the district.





Staying in Touch

Clear and consistent communication is key to the success of the Select Program. BCSA will use a combination of email, messaging platforms, and team management apps to keep players and families informed. This will include:

- Training Schedules: Posted in advance with updates for any changes or cancellations.
- Tournament Information: Travel details, rosters, game times, and lodging information shared well ahead of events.
- Program Updates: News on program developments, additional training opportunities, and any schedule changes.
- Direct Support: A dedicated Select Program Coordinator will serve as the main point of contact for questions, feedback, and problem-solving.

Families are encouraged to stay engaged by regularly checking messages and responding promptly so that planning and logistics run smoothly. Good communication ensures everyone feels informed, supported, and connected to the program's goals.





How to Get Involved

Becoming part of the BCSA Select Program is an exciting opportunity for players, parents, and coaches to contribute to a higher level of soccer in the district.

For Players:

- **Application & Registration:** When tryouts are announced, interested players must complete the online application form by the deadline provided.
- **Tryout Fee:** A small fee may apply to cover facility and coach costs for evaluations.
- **Bring Your Best:** Attend all scheduled tryout sessions prepared, focused, and ready to showcase technical skill, tactical awareness, physical fitness, and a positive attitude.
- **Selection Notification:** Players will be notified of results by email and given instructions for next steps if selected.



For Parents:

- Support your player's participation by helping manage schedules, encouraging them through the process, and understanding the commitment required.
- Consider volunteering as a team manager, tournament coordinator, or to help with fundraising.





For Coaches:

- Express interest in assisting with tryouts or serving as a coach/assistant coach for the program.
- Participate in player identification sessions and provide feedback on talent development.

Why Get Involved:

Your participation ensures that the Select Program remains strong, inclusive, and community-driven. Whether playing, coaching, or volunteering, involvement helps build a program that raises the level of soccer across the district and inspires the next generation of players.





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