

Richmond Girls Soccer Association & Fusion FC Sign Community Partnership Agreement



(Richmond, BC - March 11, 2020) - The Richmond Girls Soccer Association (RGSA) and Fusion FC today announced the signing of a Community Partnership agreement to provide additional benefits and enhanced development opportunities to soccer players in Richmond.

The partnership will strengthen the relationship between the clubs through shared technical support and resources as well as provide easier movement for players from grassroots to high-performance soccer.

Key Benefits from the Partnership include:

- Greatly improved programming opportunities & resources for players, coaches, and staff;
- Substantially enhanced development opportunities for volunteer coaches;
- Lifelong opportunities for players of all levels of skill and play;
- Enhanced player pathway for current RGSA players to high-performance soccer;
- Greater player and coach movement within the development pathways.

“We are very excited about this partnership in terms of the opportunities it provides for our coaches and staff for increased resources and expanded player pathways,” said Diana Trueman, President of the Board of Directors for the RGSA. “We look forward to working with Fusion to provide more new and exciting options for all of our players.”

The community partnership will not result in any change in current RGSA programming as practices and home games will continue to take place in Richmond. RGSA programming will still be run by RGSA Staff Coaches but will be ‘supercharged’ by Fusion FC’s added technical assistance and support.

The highlight of the partnership is the creation of an enhanced player pathway for current RGSA players. This will provide additional training opportunities for RGSA players with current Fusion FC teams. Elite players at the Metro level may be provided with playing opportunities with current Fusion FC teams in the BC Soccer Premier League (BCSPL) from U13-U18.

For players from U5-U12, the partnership will provide an improved player identification process and development program for all RGSA players to help them reach their individual sporting potential. For high potential players, the partnership will provide a seamless pathway into Fusion FC's high-performance teams in the BCSPL when they reach the U13 level.

Since 1974, the RGSA has been dedicated to helping Richmond soccer players reach their sporting potential. The RGSA continues to be committed to our goal of creating a fun and safe learning environment where players, coaches, and parents can play and mature through the game of soccer.

Fusion FC is one of the eight founding members of the BCSPL. Since 2011, the club has fielded teams from U13 intake to U18 in the league. Fusion FC also provides a playing environment for the club's players to be identified for and progress to BC Soccer's Provincial Program, the Vancouver Whitecaps MLS Academy and the Girls Elite Super REX and college and university soccer programs across Canada and the United States.