



Richmond Youth Soccer Association

Director Reports

2012-2013

**Richmond Youth Soccer Association 2013 Annual General Meeting
Chair's Report**

May 28, 2013

2012-2013 was another successful year for the RYSA. Highlights include:

- the number of players registered for the RYSA increased (by about 6% over the previous year) – this is the first such increase for a number of years
- continued success on the field in league and cup play including 3 teams advancing to Coastal Cup finals and two to Provincial finals
- the addition of the an adult team (the “Graduates”) and plans to expand the adult side of the club in accordance with a “Sports for Life’ strategy
- the RYSA being and seen to be a leader in the adherence to and implementation of the Long Term Player Development model
- continued maintenance of high quality programming and development of innovative (including “Street Soccer”) and collaborative programming (including the Richmond Olympic Oval High Performance and Multi-Sport programs)
- hosting (for the second consecutive year) the Coastal A and B Cup finals
- being awarded the 2014 Provincial B Cup finals (which, among other things, will result in the RYSA being guaranteed one team at each level, U13-U18, in the finals)
- continued involvement in the BCSPL (formerly HPL) via our stake in Fusion FC

In the past year, partly as a result of the retirement of the Chair and Vice-Chair in the previous year, a focus of the board has been assuring the continuity and sustainability of the organisation. This focus has, among other things, resulted in a thorough review and documentation of practices, expectations/roles and program delivery and resulted in the production of a new and comprehensive RYSA Guide (found at the top of the RYSA web-site home page). The board is also committed to redefining the RYSA “brand” and “look” and how the RYSA communicates with our “clients” (including players, parents and coaches). Somewhat related to this exercise, is our continued search for a principal sponsor.

Personally, with 2012-2013 being my first year as Chair, I have learned a lot about the RYSA. I thank the Directors (and Tania) for all of their hard and thoughtful work and commitment to the RYSA and, in particular, their continued patience with me while on the Chair’s learning curve.

Finally, on my behalf and on behalf of the RYSA board, I also take this opportunity to thank our so dedicated players, coaches, team and other volunteers and also our professionals who provide high quality coaching and administrative services to the RYSA.

Respectfully submitted

Doug Long
Chair, Richmond Youth Soccer Association

District Field Scheduler & 4 District Scheduler

RYSA 2012-2013

District Field Scheduler

In Richmond we continue to enjoy many excellent artificial turf fields and facilities and (with very few exceptions for those who prefer to play and train on natural grass), all of the 4 District, Metro Select, U5-U11 Domestic League and Spring League games are scheduled on turf. Our challenge moving forward is to continue to provide this high level of service despite increasing hard costs. By exploring efficiencies in our approach to field and facility use and scheduling, we can keep facility and club expenses as low as possible.

4 District Scheduler

31 Richmond Youth Soccer Association teams played in the 4 District League from U11 to U18. At the season's end, the following teams placed at the top of their respective divisions:

- U14 Bronze 1, Richmond FC, League Champions (Gary Faryon, Coach)
- U17 Silver 2, Eagles, League Champions (Brad Kaltenegger, Coach)

In addition, the following teams represented Richmond well and finished their seasons as 4 District Cup Champions and Finalists:

- U13 Silver 2, Marlins, Commonwealth Cup Champions (Gerard Gonzalez, Coach)
- U14 Silver 1, Strikers, Commonwealth Cup Finalists (Tim Lee, Coach)
- U14 Bronze 1, Fury, Burrard Cup Champions (Bernie Pawlik, Coach)
- U15 Bronze 1, Hooligans, Burrard Cup Finalists (James Collins, Coach)
- U17 Silver 2, Eagles, Commonwealth Cup Finalists (Brad Kaltenegger, Coach)

Congratulations to all the League Champions, Cup Champions and Finalists and to all of the 4 District teams for a rewarding and successful 2012-2013 season.

Many thanks go to the City of Richmond Rentals Office staff, Sammy Morizawa, Claudia Gutterriez, and Christina Thomas who are always helpful and able to meet our Club's facility needs.

Finally, as 4 District Gold Score-keeper, I would like to thank the 4 District Gold Divisional Liaisons: Enrique Arce (U13), Kaimei Chu (U14), Lynnly Lee (U15), Shabnam Khan (U16), Kevin Soulsbury (U18/17G2), Kevin Pember (U18/17 G1). This diligent group of volunteers works throughout the season to gather and report scores each week and to communicate schedule changes and generally ensure that all of the teams were well informed. These liaisons along with the army of volunteers who work quietly behind the scenes and on the fields are what keep these leagues operating as well as they do.

Dave Weber
RYSA Field Scheduler and 4 District Scheduler

**Richmond Youth Soccer Association
2012- 2013 Sponsorship Report**

I) High Performance Strength and Condition Partnership – Richmond Oval

We have successfully completed the first year of the program with the Richmond Olympic Oval. Three RYSA and Four RGSA teams participated in the 15-week program during the 2012-2013 season. The feedback from the teams and coaches that participated was very positive.

This exclusive partnership offers Richmond Youth Soccer the following key benefits:

- High performance strength and conditioning pre-season camps
- High performance strength and condition season training sessions
- Membership Discounts to Richmond Soccer Association members and families
- 2 Complimentary Meeting rooms per month
- Best available rates for Court rentals
- Complimentary advertising at the Oval on plasma screens; in Oval Program guides ; on Richmond Oval Website; Opportunity to work with the Oval to run indoor soccer camps and soccer tournaments

This strategic partnership has helped Richmond Youth Soccer to further develop our soccer players by offering services of trained professionals, to develop and deliver high performance strength and conditioning services specific to soccer players in a world class sports facility.

II) Thanksgiving Tournament

Gulf and Fraser Financial Services sponsored the 2012 Thanksgiving Tournament.

III) 2012 Spring Soccer League

Safeway Canada once again sponsored the 2012 Spring Soccer League.

IV) Goals for 2013-2014

- The RYSA Board is yet to determine if we will seek jersey sponsorship for our U14-U18 teams
- Continue to work with our existing sponsors and partners to increase awareness of youth soccer in our community
- Continue to establish strategic longer term partnership's and sponsorships that will aid the advancement of Richmond Youth Soccer for years to come.

Parm Sandhu
May 20, 2013

**Richmond Youth Soccer Association (RYSA)
Season 2012-2013**

RYSA Scholarships

This year the RYSA provided four – (4) \$500 scholarships, which were awarded to the current grade 12 graduating class of boys who have played soccer in Richmond.

The successful candidates for 2011 – 2012 season were Fergus Kennedy, Colin Jacques, Alexander Escobar and Jeevan Sandhu.

The criteria for the scholarship is that each candidate must have played with a team affiliated with the RYSA for three – (3) or more years and currently participating in youth soccer. The successful candidate must have a proficiency in soccer as indicated by his play and have shown a worthwhile contribution to the sport of soccer, refereeing or coaching. The request for applicants was forwarded to all Richmond high schools and U18 coaches in January of this year. The results and the awarding of the scholarships will be announced for the 2012 - 2013 season in the near future and presented to the successful candidates at their high school graduation at the end of their school year. Applications for this years' Scholarship closed April 18th 2013.

Equipment

Mini/Micro Players

The new uniform policy introduced two – (2) season ago will continue for the foreseeable future. Players in the U8 to U11 age groups will be allowed to keep their uniforms at the end of the season. The design is Umbro with 6 different colours of shirt, coupled with black shorts and black socks. The new shirts, shorts and socks will be issued at the beginning of the new season in September 2013.

Tim Horton's has once again agreed to sponsor the younger U5 to U7 players in the Club and each season they donate new shirts and soccer balls. For the first time the club had to collect equipment issued to these age group as Tim Horton's indicated they would only replace worn-out shirts and balls.

Juvenile Players

For the season starting in the fall of this year the new design introduced two – (2) seasons ago will continue in use for all Juvenile players. The new Umbro uniform design of White shirt with red flashes and blue shorts with red flashes to match the shirts and with white socks was well received by players and coaches. The club is starting to look towards a new design for the season starting 2014-2015. The two – (2) new teams of players 18+ will receive the new design for the season 2013-2014.

The club believes this continues to be a progressive step for both Mini and Juvenile teams and we are confident it has been well received.

Juvenile Soccer Balls - New practice balls and game balls will be introduced for the new season. The club will provide a new practice ball, which will be of a higher quality and will last more than one season. The new size 4 practice ball which had no seams and introduced at the beginning of last season has proved to be very successful. The club will continue to purchase this new higher quality ball. The new game balls will continue to be a design by Umbro.

I would like to thank everyone for his or her support over this past year.

Mike Fletcher
Director RYSA

19-May-2013

Coach Development RYSA 2012-2013

Following BC Soccer's change in the coaching pathways RYSA has hosted 2 coaching clinics which were both well attended and 2 courses this past year. Last summer we also had the pleasure of putting on a clinic presented by two Italian coaches who work with the youth academies at Fiorentina.

BC Soccer are putting a requirement on coaches to hold a minimum of the 'Soccer for Life' certification to be allowed to play a coaching role at future Coastal Cup and Provincial Cup tournaments. Therefore RYSA plan to continue to offer this course which is coached by BC Soccer facilitators. The other courses in the 'grass-root' coaching pathway will be delivered by Richmond staff in the future. We intend to expand on the practical side of coaching in these courses to include, ethics, risk management, Richmond philosophy to soccer development and basic first aid.

The last year saw coach Jamie Booth take on the role of Head Coach Intermediate Age Groups and he has overseen the technical delivery to the U8 to U11 ages. This included running the very successful academy and U10 Plus programs. While RYSA has moved to more professionally delivered coaching we are fully committed to continue to develop our own volunteer coaches.

Submitted by:
Huw Harris

Mini and Micro Soccer RYSA 2012-2013

U5 & U6 soccer has been run this year on a house basis with the Technical Delivery portion provided by a team of professional coaches under the watchful eye of Senior Coach Dougie Gordon. The U7 group was coached similarly but they remained outside on our turf fields. The year was successful with the focus and fun, technical development and participation.

The program for mini is designed to be player based and not team oriented but recognizes that the boys learn and have more fun by playing the game. The involvement of so many able volunteers helps to reinforce the skills and ideas taught at practise during the Saturday games.

The RYSA academy programs have grown year of year in numbers of players which has resulted this Spring with the programs being full. To be able to provide for the demand of so many of the boys we are expanding the programs next year to ensure that all those boys eager to have a second training opportunity have that through additional training and the new Richmond Prospects Programs. Details of these are already up on the RYSA website.

Next season will see one new major program which will be the U9 Prospects which is available to all boys and will help them prepare for the selection to the U10 Plus program. In 2012-13 the U10 Plus group had the opportunity to play some friendly games against a number of other clubs as RYSA hosted two mini tournaments. This will become a part of the U10 Plus program going forward.

The focus with additional coaching does not end with the U10 group as we are also going to offer a U11 Prospects Program for the 2003 born age group. This program is to try to eliminate the gap between the boys selected to the U11 First Team program and the many who were close to doing so. It will enable those boys to have the best chance to be successful when the selection is done for the U12 Gold Teams.

Much credit goes to the continuing enthusiasm Coach Dougie Gordon brings to the mini programs and to the experience and new approaches that Coach Jamie Booth has brought to RYSA this last year.

Submitted by
Huw Harris

Annual Report for U11 and U12 Non-Selected Teams for

RYSA 2012 – 2013

At the U11 age group, we had six non-selected teams. We were very fortunate to have had six very capable coaches come forward and take on this role. The year went by quickly and was perhaps our most balanced season in terms of making sure all our teams were competitive.

At the U12 age group, we had five non-selected teams, an increase in this age group by two teams, year over year. Again, we had five coaches step up to be coaches and mentors to our kids. One of our coaches came from West Vancouver! All our teams were very competitive against the other 4 District teams.

At both these age groups – either Master Coaching and / or practice plans were available for the coaches to use and resource. We expect to increase our practice plans both in person and via our website in the near future.

Thank you to all our coaches and managers, who stepped up to make sure all our kids that wanted to play, could play. Thank you to all the parents who made sure your soccer player was at practice and games on time. Sometimes it's not always easy, thank you!

Respectfully,

Rein Weber

U11 – U12 Director

U16-U18 Director's Report 2012/13

This season we had 9 U16-U18 juvenile teams.

The breakdown was as follows:

2 x U16, 3 x U17, 2 x U18, 2xU17/18

At season's end, the teams finished as follows (per the 4-District standings).

Age Grp	Div	Team Name	GP	W	L	T	Points	Standing
U16	S1	Hornets	11	3	8	0	15	9 th of 11
U16	G1	RC United	13	4	9	1	13	7 th of 8
U17	B1	Panthers	12	3	7	2	12	9 th of 10
U17	S2	Eagles	13	9	3	1	43	1 st of 8
U17	S1	Gunners	13	1	11	1	5	13 th of 13
U18	S1	Gunners	9	4	4	1	13	7 th of 9
U18	S1	Strikers	11	1	10	0	6	9 th of 9
U17/18	G1	RC United 96	12	3	4	5	16	8 th of 8
U17/18	G1	Red Devils	13	5	5	3	26	3 rd of 8

Division Winners: U17 S2 Eagles

Commonwealth Cup Finalists: U17 S2 Eagles

Richmond Cup Winners: U17 S2 Eagles, U18 S1 Gunners

Of the years I've been coordinator of this age group, this was certainly the most challenging in putting the junior teams together, trying to make sure everyone registered got to play.

The U17 Panthers became a hybrid U15/U16 team with the 5 remaining U16 players registered joining the returning Panthers players and even then, more players were sought to get the numbers up to a workable level.

At the beginning of August 2012, the number of players registered for U17 and U18 was so low it caused some major headaches, and as such we had to make some tough decisions which did not go down well with BC Soccer as we had to pull the then U18 Gunners back to U17, and distribute the 95 born players from that team into the 2 U18 teams which then left the Gunners shorthanded.

To add to the situation, U17/U18 RC United 96 were also struggling with numbers and a lot of work and coordination went into finding the right players for these 2 teams, placing them according to their ability (which also required some player swapping). It was a difficult time for both coaches and they should be commended for their cooperation and willingness to do the right thing for the players and the teams.

The quandary is making sure all kids play but at the same time ensuring that they have a good experience during the season. This is not always an easy situation to solve long term as registration numbers have been going down in these age groups over the last few years, and late registrations are having more of an impact.

The goal for me was always to create an environment in which the players and coaches can prosper such that their enjoyment of the game brings them back year after year and they continue to play into their adult life. Of course the club must do all it can to make this happen, and it will continue to find ways to improve the process, but parents and players can help by registering on time.

When the majority of players are registered by the deadline, it gives the club more information with which to be successful. By having a better idea of the overall player numbers, we can allocate the right number of teams in each age group at the right level with the right number of players.

So I end this note with a plea to parents & players. Please make every effort to get the registrations in before the deadline. It helps us in more ways than you can imagine, and by helping us, it will make your experience so much better.

Special thanks go out to all the volunteer coaches, managers etc. who put in a lot of time and effort over the season (often going way above and beyond the call of duty) to give the boys the opportunity to play the game. We could not have done it without you.

Kevin Lyons

U16-U18 Age Group Coordinator

REGISTRAR'S REPORT - 2012/2013

RYSA

	2011/2012	2012/2013	Change
Co-ed Spring League			
Parent-Tot	44	42	
U5	123	122	
U6	147	154	
U7	117	112	
U8	179	203	
U9/10	165	204	
U11/12	148	103	
U13/14	96	111	
U15/16*	73		
* did not offer U15/16 in 2012	1092	1051	-3.75%
Boys Fall League			
	2011/2012	2012/2013	
U5	51	78	
U6	110	87	
U7	105	122	
U8	104	116	
U9	112	112	
U10	100	110	
U11	104	106	
U12	80	109	
U13	98	85	
U14	85	90	
U15	68	85	
U16	88	52	
U17	31	37	
U18	85	108	
	1221	1297	5.86%
GRAND TOTAL	2313	2348	1.49%

Submitted by:

Tania Webster

Richmond Youth Soccer Association - Historical Registration Figures

May 2013

Fiscal Year

ending March 31,	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Spring League							243	314	417	574	581	668	701	1127	1165	1162	1263	1124	1092	1051
Winter Mini	667	574	533	615	669	740	711	695	658	657	593	611	645	685	665	706	623	704	662	704
Winter Juvenile	1109	1051	1000	938	932	942	946	911	914	949	1002	926	852	848	781	783	724	659	559	593
Winter Total	1776	1625	1533	1553	1601	1682	1657	1606	1572	1606	1595	1537	1497	1533	1446	1489	1347	1363	1221	1297
Total registrants	1776	1625	1533	1553	1601	1682	1900	1920	1989	2180	2176	2205	2198	2660	2611	2651	2610	2487	2313	2348



