



## Richmond Youth Soccer Association Chair's Report 2011-12

This was an action packed year full of great achievements for Richmond Youth Soccer.

### Highlights are:

- Richmond Youth won two Metro Select League Titles this year. Under direction of our Metro Select Team Head Coach, Roberto Sciascia, the U18's (John Gattens) and the U16's (Ted Lorenz) both finished the year at the top of the tables. Second year in a row for the U18's.
- In 4-District Richmond Youth teams won 3 division titles. U13 Fury (Bern Pawlik), U15 Storm (Paulo Paiva) and U16 (Brad Kaltenegger)
- We welcomed 419 new players to Spring Soccer
- Richmond hosted both the A & B Cup Coastal Cup Championships in May
- In the Coastal A Cup Division, out of a possible 5 Cups Richmond Youth won an unheard of 4 Cups!! U13's (Greg Dunham), U15's (Brent Branker), U16's (Ted Lorenz) and U18's (John Gattens). Look for these teams to be featured on the Canadian Sport for Life website in the very near future. All these teams will also compete in the Provincial A Cup Championship in Kamloops this July and we wish them well.
- Two of Richmond Youth's most recent graduating players have signed contracts with professional clubs. In November, Jason James signed for Inter Zapresic in Croatia and more recently, Caleb Clarke has signed with the Vancouver Whitecaps.
- Five Richmond Youth Players were selected to the Provincial Team Program – Liam Robinson (U13); Patrick Metcalfe (14); Duva Karunakaran (U15); Harman Sahdra (U15) and Justin Turner-Pearce (U16).

The Board will continue its mandate to:

- Build participation in soccer in Richmond
- Develop a life-long love of the game
- Support all of our players and coaches to develop their skills at every level of play.

On a personal note, after twenty years of volunteering for Richmond Soccer I have decided it is time for me to step back. I know that it will be hard for me to let go and that I will miss the involvement. But Andrew and I are very excited about the next chapter in our life – building our retirement home in Nanoose Bay. We feel very fortunate that our involvement over the years in the Richmond Soccer Community has given us many long lasting friendships. It is also good to know that on any given Saturday we can venture back to Boyd to get our 'soccer fix'!

The RYSA needs a strong and energized board of directors to continue the development of our quality soccer programming in Richmond, and so I urge you to become more involved.

On a final note, I thank all of our coaches, team volunteers, fellow board members, our partner the City of Richmond and our friends in the Richmond Soccer community.

Cheryl Dunham, Chair, Richmond Youth Soccer Association May 19, 2012

*I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it,  
because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion.*

***-Mia Hamm, FIFA World Player of the Year, 2001 & 2002***

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT - 2011/2012**

**Spring League  
(2011)**

	<b>2010/2011</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Parent-Tot*</b>	43	44	
<b>U5</b>	130	123	
<b>U6</b>	145	147	
<b>U7</b>	102	117	
<b>U8</b>	144	179	
<b>U9/10</b>	166	165	
<b>U11/12</b>	180	148	
<b>U13/14</b>	105	96	
<b>U15/16</b>	73	73	
<b>U17/18**</b>	36		
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	1124	1092	-2.85%

\*\* no U17/18 in 2011

\*capped at 40

**Fall League**

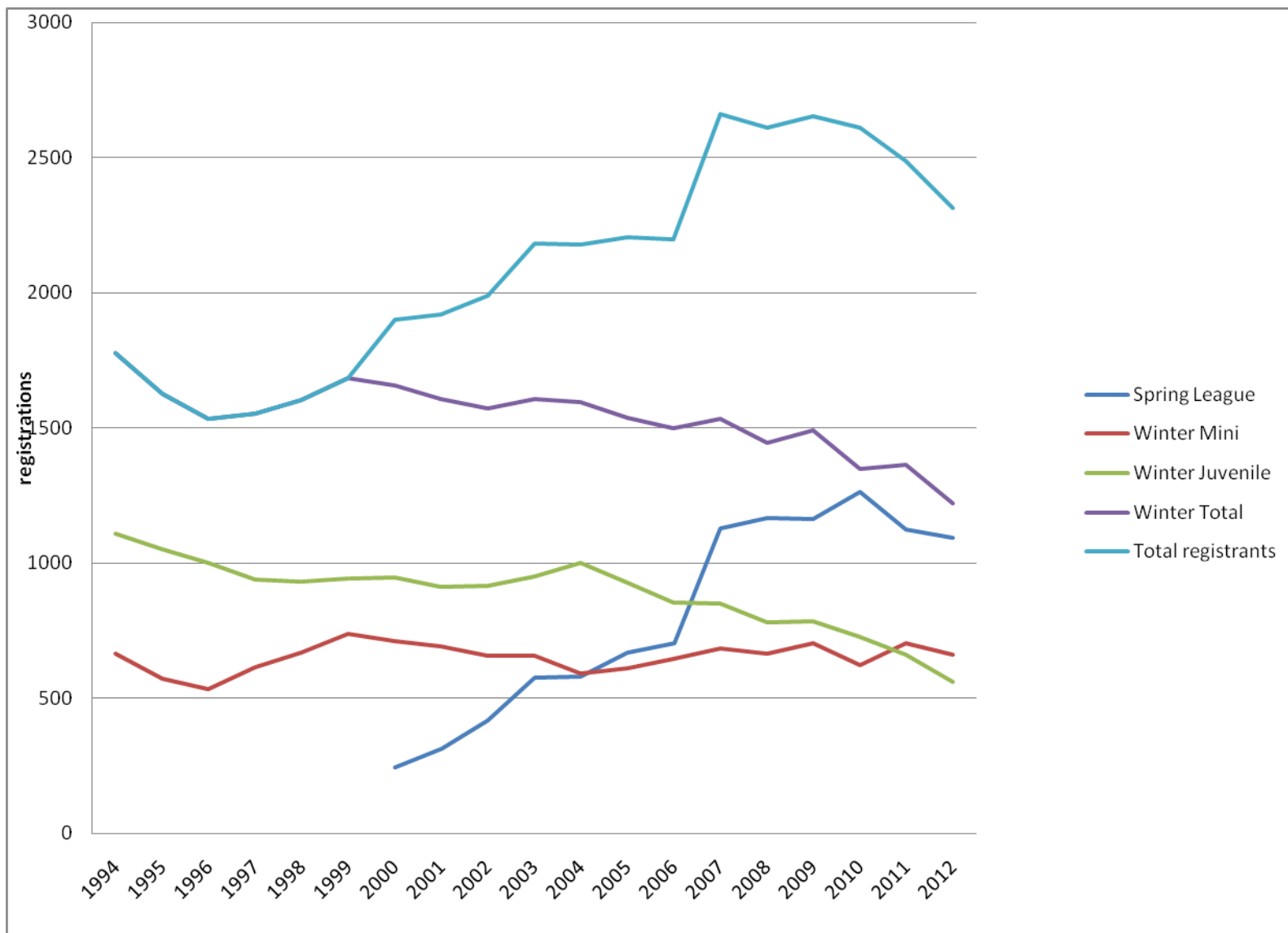
	<b>2010/2011</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>	
<b>U5</b>	59	51	
<b>U6</b>	103	110	
<b>U7</b>	108	105	
<b>U8</b>	112	104	
<b>U9</b>	107	112	
<b>U10</b>	143	100	
<b>U11</b>	102	104	
<b>U12</b>	109	80	
<b>U13</b>	103	98	
<b>U14</b>	99	85	
<b>U15</b>	80	68	
<b>U16</b>	103	88	
<b>U17</b>	39	31	
<b>U18</b>	96	85	
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	1363	1221	-10.42%
 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	-6.99%

Richmond Youth Soccer Association - Historical Registration Figures

May 2012

Fiscal Year

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



## **Coach Development RYSA 2011-2012**

After two years where we have seen more than 200 coaching certifications achieved by Richmond volunteer coaches this season has been a setback in comparison. This was due to BC Soccer's decision to restructure the coaching paths for volunteer community coaches and professional coaches in the province. RYSA were included in the discussion and provided feedback which has been incorporated into the material. We are in the process of meeting with BC Soccer to determine how we can host the clinics and are hopeful that we will be hosting the new coaching courses before the start of the next fall/winter season.

We will be welcoming a new professional coach this summer to oversee the micro age group. We see having a single coach overseeing the U8, U9, U10, and non-select U11 boys as a means to improve the delivery of the programs and ongoing assessment of the boys as they approach the select age groups. The new staff member will also be asked to run a more comprehensive U10 Plus program which will adhere to the guidelines of the Long Term Player Development model and will include a Spring/Summer component in 2013.

For our coaches continued development we also hope to introduce a series of open workshops with our own professional staff and guest coaches. This will include a practice sessions on a specified topic and question and answer session. We also hope that more coaches will take the opportunity to come out and watch some of the excellent professional coaches that use our fields with the national programs, HPL teams and our own juvenile teams and will look to make schedules more available.

Submitted by:  
Huw Harris  
May 22, 2012

## **Mini and Micro Soccer Report**

U5 & U6 soccer has been run this year on a team basis which made some of the delivery of our program difficult but no matter the challenges the year was successful with the focus and fun and participation. The success and results of the team format and the house format have been considered and U5, U6 and U7 will be run in the house format next year. The program for mini is designed to be player based and not team oriented and will be run by Coach Dougie Gordon with his capable team of young certified coaches and volunteer coaches. We look forward to building on the commitment of the parents in these age groups with opportunities to learn more about coaching and gain certification next year.

The Micro group has been successful – game play is clearly showing that many of the elements of our coaching program are being adopted. This group covers the U8, U9, and U10 ages and is the first introduction of the boys into teams. Mike Speakman with a team of certified assistants has delivered technical development to all the boys at regular intervals through the year and provided assessment of the boys' development on game days. Thanks to Mike for his commitment to Richmond Soccer and our best wishes with his sports management career as he moves to Victoria. What has proven encouraging has been the growing popularity of the academy programs during the year and in particular this spring where our numbers have more than doubled. A lot of credit goes to Dougie Gordon and his team for their work in building this program up from nothing just a couple of years ago.

The U10 Plus program coached by Greg Dunham under the guidance of Doug Long continues to prosper. Since we elected to run the program twice a week the results have been self evident. The boys graduating from the program are clearly becoming more technically capable which will strengthen all our teams in years to come. Next year will see the program expand to include games and a Spring/Summer component.

A great deal of praise and thanks goes to all the parents who volunteer to help manage and coach the boys. The time that you commit is greatly appreciated and all adds to the success and enjoyment the boys have. A special thanks goes also to Steve Frank and Darren Russcher for the extra time they put in to manage the mini and micro programs and the guidance they provide to the parent coaches.

Respectfully submitted by

Huw Harris, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

## U11/U12 Selected Teams

This past season the association ran select teams at both the U11 and U12 age groups. The U11's were run by Doug Long, assisted by parent coaches. The U12's were run by Ray Pang, also with the help of parent coaches.

At U11 we run two balanced teams, a total of 24 players; at U12, these teams become tiered into Gold 1 and Gold 2 levels. At U12 there is also a Silver team. All of these groups played in the 4-District league. As these are considered development years, no standings are kept.

These groups trained three times per week over the season. They entered tournaments and also participated in the Whitecaps Scouting series twice over the season, playing at SFU.

At the end of the season, three U12 players went on to sign with Fusion FC.

Many thanks to our wonderful parent coaches who helped the professional coaches all season!

Submitted by Laura Heroux

May 24, 2012

## U13-U15 Director's Report 2011/2012

With another season over I would like to thank the players, coaches, managers and parents for a good year. We had some challenges with the numbers this year and fielded 9 teams' verses 15 last year. Special thanks go to the parent volunteers as we cannot have a successful season without your continued support. We had some challenges getting volunteers to coach and I would ask that if you have any interest in helping out next season please step consider volunteering. The RYSA can provide lots of support if you are interested but not sure if you have the skills to coach or be an assistant coach. As a reminder to the coaches, all players regardless of ability are to be encouraged to strive to be the best they can in tryouts and support the select programs which is there for their development and enjoyment of the game.

Well done U15 Silver 1 Richmond Storm for winning their league!

			GP	W	L	T	
U 13 Gold	Richmond	<a href="#">Predators</a>	9	3	5	1	7th out of 13
U 13 Silver 1	Richmond	<a href="#">Strikers</a>	11	3	5	3	8th out of 10
U 13 Bronze 2	Richmond	<a href="#">FC</a>	12	6	3	3	3rd out of 9
U 14 Gold 1	Richmond	<a href="#">Surgo</a>	11	4	3	4	5th out of 8
U 14 Silver 1	Richmond	<a href="#">Ravens</a>	10	4	4	2	4th out of 9
U 14 Bronze 1	Richmond	<a href="#">Tigers</a>	12	1	9	2	7th out of 8
U 15 Gold	Richmond	<a href="#">Titans</a>	11	3	6	2	7th out of 10
U 15 Silver 1	Richmond	<a href="#">Storm</a>	11	8	3	0	1st out of 10
U15 Silver 2	Richmond	<a href="#">Hornets</a>	13	6	3	4	3rd out of 10

Once again congratulations to all the players and coaches for their hard work and success throughout the year!

Fraser King  
U13-U15 Director, RYSA,

## U16-U18 Director's Report 2011/12

This season we had 9 U16-U18 juvenile teams.

The breakdown was as follows:

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

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

<b>Team Name</b>	<b>Div</b>	<b>Lge Pos</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Points</b>
U16 Eagles	S2	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 9	10	5	3	2	30
U16 Gunners	S1	10 <sup>th</sup> of 10	12	2	9	1	10
U16 96 Blazers	G	10 <sup>th</sup> of 10	11	1	6	4	9
U17 Gunners	S2	3 <sup>rd</sup> of 8	12	6	2	4	31
U17 Rangers	S2	6 <sup>th</sup> of 8	11	3	5	3	21
U18 Strikers	B	10 <sup>th</sup> of 14	9	4	4	1	13
U18 Lightning	S	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 13	11	8	2	1	31
U17/18 United	G1	2 <sup>nd</sup> of 8	11	6	3	1	32
U17/18 Red Devils	G1	8 <sup>th</sup> of 8	13	1	9	3	8

Commonwealth Cup Finalists: U17 Gunners

Once again there were problems getting sufficient players in all of the house teams this season with a lot of effort coming from the teams to get their squads up to reasonable levels way after the season had started. In some cases this was due to the selected teams taking too many players. Starting the season with 12 or 13 players is not a good starting point and puts undue pressure on the coaches, players and coordinator.

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.

To the non-graduating players, see you next season!.

Kevin Lyons

U16-U18 Director RYSA



## RICHMOND METRO SELECT TEAMS REPORT 2011-2012

Richmond United in The Metro Select League survived its' first year playing without some of its top players who chose to move on and play in the newly created BC Premiere League, aka High Performance League .

This however did not deter the Metro Select program from continued success of the Richmond teams in the Metro Select league as outlined below.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Games</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Drew</b>	<b>Goals For /Against</b>	<b>League Position/ Awards</b>
U-18	19	18	1	0	83/15	1 <sup>st</sup> League & Coastal Cup Champs
U-16	19	10	4	5	36/24	1 <sup>st</sup> League & Coastal Cup Champs
U-15	22	13	3	6	70/2	2nd League & Coastal Cup Champs
U-14	18	7	3	8	21/12	4th League & quarter Finalist Coastal
U-13	19	10	6	3	42/22	5th League & Coastal Cup Champs

Although there was a certain amount of apprehension at the beginning of the season with only 12 players registered for the U-18's, there was some thought that we should dissolve the team and place the players to the gold level. As it turned out, we moved players from the U-16's Metro Selects on permit to be a positive for the whole Metro Select teams. The U-18's picked up a few more players and finished the season with 14 on the roster.

The U-16's, lost five players to BC Premier League and were definitely the surprise of the league winning both league and coastal Cups

The U-15's lost their goal keeper in mid season and played the remainder of the season with different players each week taking turns playing the keeper role.. Quite an achievement!

The U-14's begun slow but definitely was the class of the league. This team was eliminated by penalty kicks in extra time the coastal cup quarter finals otherwise they could have been enjoyed the Coastal Cup success with the Richmond teams

The U-13's amazing year after a slow start they did not lose a game since February and went on to win the Coastal Cup. This was a great example how the Richmond training and development centre is continually producing top young players.

The Metro Select Soccer League next year will have up to 5 out of district players allowed to play for the teams and we experienced higher than normal out of district players attend our assessments.

To recap the 2011-2012 was the most successful season experienced by Richmond Youth Soccer with two League Championships and four Coastal Cups. Most successful ever!

The hard work of the training and development over the years are now paying dividends and the hard work of both players and coaches make our jobs more rewarding.

Many of the graduating Richmond players are now playing college soccer in the United States and University Soccer in Canada.

Richmond United 2011 Graduating players:

Jacob Quail playing for UBC Thunderbirds

Jason James signed a professional contract and is now playing in Europe

Emile Saimovici played College soccer in Oregon

Our goals for next year are to continue to improve our program whilst making playing soccer in Richmond a game that is both fun and rewarding on and off the field.

Respectfully submitted;

John Gattens, Metro Select Director

## **District Field Scheduler & 4-District Scheduler**

### **District Field Scheduler**

In Richmond we enjoy an embarrassment of riches when it comes to turf fields. With few exceptions, all of the 4 District, Metro Select and Spring League games are scheduled on artificial turf fields. Not only that, but the clear majority of team practices and training sessions are also held on turf, which is rare when compared to other Districts.

It was my pleasure to serve RYSA as Field Scheduler this past season. There was much to learn about the role during this first year, but thankfully I was well-coached by the previous Scheduler, Cheryl Dunham. Stew MacPherson, who is Field Scheduler for RGSA, was also a fantastic resource. My thanks also goes out to the City of Richmond Rentals Office staff, Sammy Morizawa, Claudia Gutierrez, and Christina Thomas who seem to never tire of my endless field requests.

### **4 District Scheduler**

30 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:

- U13 Bronze 2 RCH Fury, League Co-Champions (Bernie Pawlik, Coach)
- U15 Silver 1 RCH Storm, League Champions (Paulo Paiva, Coach)
- U16 Silver 2 RCH Eagles, League Co-Champions (Brad Kaltenecker, Coach)

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

- U13 Silver 1 RCH Strikers, Commonwealth Cup Finalists (Keith Dawson, Coach)
- U13 Bronze 2 RCH FC, Burrard Cup Finalists (Gary Faryon, Coach)
- U14 Silver 1 RCH Ravens, Commonwealth Cup Finalists (Bill Merrell, Coach)
- U17 Silver 2 RCH Gunners, Commonwealth Cup Finalists (Dave Chevreau, Coach)

Congratulations to all the League Champions, Cup Finalists and to all of the 4 District teams for a rewarding and successful 2011-2012 season.

Finally, as 4 District Gold Score-keeper, I would like to extend my thanks to the 4 District Gold Divisional Liaisons: Kaimei Chu (U13), Lynnly Lee (U14), Leanne Scott (U15), Kevin Soulsbury (U16), Kevin Pember (U18/17 G1) and Bill Franklin (U18/17 G2). This group of dedicated volunteers worked 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 humming. Thank you all.

Dave Weber  
RYSA Field Scheduler and 4 District Scheduler

## **Richmond Youth Soccer Association 2011- 2012 Sponsorship Report**

### **I) Long Term Athlete Development Partnership**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been created to establish a long term Athlete Development partnership between Richmond Soccer Association (Boys & Girls) and the Richmond Olympic Oval Community Legacy program. The partnership will enable to the Richmond Olympic Oval to become the Premier Athlete Development Partner, providing high performance strength and condition training to Richmond Soccer Associations.

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

- High performance strength and condition training sessions
- High performance strength and conditioning pre-season camps
- 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
  - o On plasma screens
  - o In Oval Program guides
  - o On Richmond Oval Website
- Opportunity to work with the Oval to run indoor soccer camps and soccer tournaments

This strategic partnership will help 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. These programs will be developed and delivered in full alignment with the Richmond Development Centre.

### **II) Spring Soccer**

Safeway for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year stepped up to sponsor the League

### **III) Min-Micro**

Tim Horton's has been sponsoring the U5 & U6 teams with Jersey's and balls for the past three seasons. They have agreed to continue to sponsor our U5 – U7 program next fall, and will be providing us with New Jerseys in September. We have also had sponsorship this year from Sportscheck (2 teams at U13); Kumon (2 teams at U7) and Winners (4 teams at U7).

Each of these organizations has provided us with some funds in exchange for printing their name on our current jerseys.

### **IV) Thanksgiving Tournament**

We are still seeking a sponsor for the Thanksgiving Tournament.

### **V) Goals for 2012-2012**

- Search is underway for a Premier Shirt sponsor for Richmond Youth Soccer, all 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

Respectfully submitted by  
Parm Sandhu  
May 21, 2012



**Richmond Youth Soccer Association  
Season 2011-2012**

**RYSA Scholarships**

Each year the RYSA provides three – (3) \$500 scholarships, which are awarded to the current grade 12 graduating class of boys who have played soccer in Richmond.

The successful candidates for 2010 – 2011 season were Robert battle, Michael Darnel and Kevin Wong.

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 2011 - 2012 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 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.

**Equipment**

Mini/Micro Players

The new uniform policy introduced at the beginning of last season 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 2012.

Tim Horton's has once again agreed to sponsor the younger U5 to U7 players in the Club.

Juvenile Players

For the season starting in the fall of this year the new design introduced last season 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. Although a number of players expressed concerns regarding the size of shorts this was resolved satisfactorily by providing alternate sizes.

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. A new size 4 practice ball will have no seams which we will introduce more widely if the design is successful. The new game balls will continue to be a design by Umbro.

We intend to have a further equipment return date for Juvenile team coaches.

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

Mike Fletcher  
Director RYSA  
24-May-2011

**4-DISTRICT SEASON'S END DISCIPLINE REPORT – 2011/2012**

<b>EXPULSIONS</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U14</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>U16</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>TOTAL 2012</b>	<b>TOTAL 2011</b>
<b>BURNABY</b>	1	4	0	1	11	9	7	17	<b>50</b>	49
<b>N. SHORE</b>	0	0	3	1	11	8	4	10	<b>37</b>	48
<b>RICHMOND</b>	0	0	0	5	3	4	1	5	<b>18</b>	18
<b>VANCOUVER</b>	0	1	2	3	5	11	5	12	<b>39</b>	38
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>144</b>	153

<b>CAUTIONS</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U14</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>U16</b>	<b>U17</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>TOTAL 2012</b>	<b>TOTAL 2011</b>
<b>BURNABY</b>	1	7	11	12	37	46	37	58	<b>209</b>	153
<b>N. SHORE</b>	3	3	7	15	26	62	32	76	<b>224</b>	231
<b>RICHMOND</b>	4	0	1	5	8	14	9	44	<b>85</b>	90
<b>VANCOUVER</b>	3	8	11	27	17	38	36	78	<b>218</b>	210
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>736</b>	684

<b>EXPULSIONS BY TYPE</b>	<b>TWO CAUTIONS</b>	<b>DENYING A GOAL</b>	<b>LANGUAGE</b>	<b>SERIOUS FOUL PLAY</b>	<b>VIOLENT CONDUCT</b>	<b>SPITTING</b>	<b>TOTAL 2012</b>	<b>TOTAL 2011</b>
<b>BURNABY</b>	11	2	21	1	14	0	<b>49</b>	49
<b>N. SHORE</b>	10	4	12	3	5	0	<b>34</b>	48
<b>RICHMOND</b>	3	1	8	0	5	0	<b>17</b>	18
<b>VANCOUVER</b>	12	1	11	5	10	0	<b>39</b>	38
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>139</b>	153

Difference in Expulsions Total and Expulsions by Type is 5 cases of 3 cautions in a season  
 Submitted by 4District Discipline Committee, Harrison, Larson, Pownall, Ross