



CVUSC Tournament Policy

This policy is intended to guide parents, coaches, and managers through tournament-related procedures based on the various programs offered by CVUSC.

Note: There are no tournament opportunities for players below the U8 age level.

Valley Youth Soccer League VYSL Players (U8–U11)

→ **What tournament opportunities are available?**

Mini World Cup

- Available to all Spring VYSL players aged U8–U11
 - Offered during the **Spring VYSL season only**
 - Tournament registration fees are covered by CVUSC
 - Additional expenses (e.g., gas, accommodation, meals) are not covered by the club
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→ **VYSL players (U8 - U13) Outside of Mini World Cup**

Tournament opportunities can be offered for these players only through the **United Development Program (UDP)**. **This excludes players in PDL at U12 and U13**

- Players must be registered in the corresponding VYSL season (e.g., Fall VYSL before Fall UDP)
- Tournament opportunities will be shared by the CVUSC Technical Team via email using the email address on the registration profile
- Interest and commitment to attend will be offered via a Google Sheet sent to families from the Technical Team. This will be a first come, first serve however, the technical team will do their best to accommodate all committed players.
- Tournament entry fees are not covered by CVUSC and will be split among participating families of each team

For a tournament to proceed through UDP:

- A sufficient number of players must sign up and commit - indicated by the cells outlined in red
- An available coach(es) and manager(s) must be secured first by the Technical Team

Once interest and availability are confirmed, the Technical Team will:

- Determine team composition based on current player development. **(Note: This may involve mixed age groups and player movement to ensure appropriate competition levels and viable teams)**
- Notify families of final tournament plan

New & Important Policy

- Coaches may not organize tournaments independently or outside of the UDP process outlined above.
- If contacted by another club regarding tournament participation, coaches are asked to forward the communication to the Technical Team

→ Why?

- This ensures the following:
 - **Inclusive team formation**
 - **Participation in sanctioned events only**
 - **Compliance with insurance and regulatory requirements**
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PDL Players (U12–U18)

- CVUSC will cover the registration fee (up to \$600) for one tournament per PDL team during the primary season (Sept–March)
- Additional sanctioned tournaments entered during the season are permitted but not covered by the club
- All PDL tournament participation must occur under the umbrella of CVUSC—teams may not enter unsanctioned tournaments under the CVUSC.

Process for Tournament Participation

1. Tournament Eligibility

- Teams may only enter BC Soccer sanctioned tournaments and play against sanctioned teams
- Click [here](#) to see all **BC Soccer sanctioned tournaments**

2. Initial Planning Steps

- Coaches/Managers must:
 - Inform the CVUSC Technical Team of the intended tournament and dates
 - Consult the Technical Team on the appropriate level to enter the team

3. Gauging Team Interest

- Coaches/Managers should:
 - Communicate with their team to determine interest and availability
 - Set a firm response deadline

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- Clearly state that responses received after the deadline may forfeit participation

4. Forming a Team

- If there aren't enough committed players to form a roster:
 - The coach/manager must contact the Technical Team for guidance and support

5. Final Approval

- All teams and rosters must receive final approval from the CVUSC Technical Staff
 - This ensures all participants are:
 - Covered by club insurance and liability policies
 - Properly aligned with the club's technical and safety standards
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Expectations for Coaches & Managers

- All tournament coaching staff must:
 - Be official CVUSC coaches (cleared CRC's)
 - Operate within the club's technical plan
 - Ideally hold appropriate age-group coaching certifications
- Preference is given to coaches actively pursuing coach education and development
- While duties may be delegated, coaches remain the lead club representative at tournaments

Logistics & Communication

- All requests for:
 - Jerseys
 - Equipment
 - Field/gym bookings
 - Must be made by the team's primary contact or designated delegate to the Manager of Soccer Operations.
- Teams may fundraise to offset tournament costs
 - The CVUSC Fundraising Policy is available upon request
- Coaches are expected to:
 - Communicate all technical and administrative details to families
 - Set clear expectations for playing time (minimum 50% participation in all matches)

Post-Tournament Feedback

- After any tournament, coaches are expected to submit feedback via email to the Technical Team
- This helps:
 - Identify lessons learned
 - Improve future planning and team placements

Any questions regarding registration, insurance, liability, fundraising, or finances can be directed to our Manager of Business Operations at registrar@cvusc.org or info@cvusc.org

Any questions or decisions regarding the Technical Team can be directed to our Director of Soccer, ali@cvusc.org and Technical Assistant, gokhan@cvusc.org

For inquiries about equipment, fields, and kit please contact our Manager of Soccer Operations at Naomi@cvusc.org

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