



THE PLAYER'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE



Introduction

In order to truly provide a “player-first” environment, our club adopts the principle of the **Player’s Right to Choose**. This principle recognizes that every player has the right to choose or change their soccer environment without pressure, coercion, or recrimination. As long as those choices fit within the selection and transfer windows of their respective leagues, the player must feel free and unencumbered .

While we do not encourage players to continually “shop” around the soccer community for what they perceived to be a “better” team, it is not the place of our club, nor any of its officials, to stand in the way of those decisions in any way or manner.

Multiple Soccer Environments

While a player can only be registered with one BC Soccer team/club, a player may participate in multiple soccer environments. Those environments may take the form of private training programs or they may even be programs operated by other BC Soccer clubs. So long as the player can maintain their club commitments with respect to training and games, we support those choices. The only request that we ask of the player is to keep us informed on how much soccer they are engaging in. This is simply to ensure that the player is not getting over-taxed. This disclosure applies to any ongoing sports or physical exertion activities.

The reasons for any player attending an additional soccer program is not the concern of our club. It may be simply to get extra training or it may be with the intent of transferring to another soccer club. We support the player’s right to make those decisions. That being said, we would appreciate any feedback on our own programming if it is not meeting all the needs of the player.

Note: there is also no requirement for the player to inform our club of the name of the additional soccer environment in which they are participating. We respect the player’s privacy in that regard.

Attending Evaluations at Other Clubs

There may be situations when a player from our club wishes to attend an evaluation at another club. We completely support that choice. While ideally we would like to be given the opportunity to remedy the situation if a player is unhappy with their soccer environment, the player is under no obligation to inform us about attending evaluations at other programs.

If our club is informed about a player attending an evaluation, there will be no recriminations whatsoever. We may ask to meet with the player/parent to find out if we can remedy the situation but the player/parent is under no obligation to do so.

If the player ends up leaving the club before the end of the season, we will support that choice and issue any refund due, according to the club’s refund policy.

Supporting the right of a player to choose is fundamental to a player-first environment and ultimately holds the soccer organization accountable for the program they offer.