

PACIFIC FC TALENT ID PATHWAY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **Pacific FC Talent ID Pathway** (former Van Isle Wave Pre-Intake Program) is intended to identify local community players who aspire to play at BCSPL (British Columbia Soccer Premier League) level. BCSPL is a standards-based development environment for girls and boys aged U14 to U18 and is positioned as the highest level of youth development community soccer within BC.

This year, the pathway aims to identify players (both male and female) in the different categories from local clubs in the Lower Island Soccer Association, strengthening the collaboration between Pacific FC and the grassroots community.

→ **2013-born players (U13)**

- ◆ identified players in this cohort will form the next **Pacific FC U14 teams** (female and male) that will start their BCSPL journey in **September 2026**.

→ **2014-born players (U12)**

- ◆ Although this age group **only starts in the BCSPL in September 2027**, Pacific FC believes that by supporting the early stages of development for players in this cohort, the better prepared they will be for the BCSPL level.
- ◆ Some 2014-born players might be invited over the process to join the Pacific FC U14 teams even though they are a year younger; however, this is not guaranteed and only will take place if it makes sense from a technical perspective.

→ **2015 and 2016 born-players (U11/U10)**

- ◆ Understanding that players in these cohorts might not yet be contemplating playing at BCSPL level, but with a focus to strengthen our partnership with local clubs in developing our community talent pool, we will identify players to join a smaller version of our Pacific FC Youth ID Program.

The Pacific FC Talent ID Pathway consists of **two main streams (or programs)** which are chronologically phased based on the age cohort.

❖ **Tier 1 ID Program**

- Targeted Age Group: 2013-born players

❖ **Youth ID Program**

- Targeted Age Groups: 2014/2015/2016-born players

STREAM	COHORT	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	APRIL	MAY
Tier 1 ID	2013 (U13)	ID Sessions	Fall-Winter Phase					Spring Phase	
Youth ID	2014 (U12)	n/a	Fall-Winter Phase					n/a	
	2015/2016 (U11/U10)	n/a	n/a					Spring Phase	

n/a - not applicable

THE STAGES

1. ID Sessions

- a. 2013-born players only
- b. 4 (four) identification sessions open to the local community players
 - i. Sep 17th, Sep 24th, Oct 01st, Oct 08th at PISE
- c. Maximum Registration Capacity: 60 players per gender
- d. By no later than October 15th, up to 25 players per gender will be invited to the next stage. Players/families will be communicated via email.

Additional information:

- ★ Sessions conducted by Pacific FC Youth coaches + other community qualified coaches (under TD Richie Grant's leadership and Pacific FC's philosophy)
- ★ All players are encouraged to attend at least three out of the 4 sessions.
- ★ Players should arrive at least 15-30 minutes prior to the session for check in and dressed in appropriate soccer attire with shin pads and their own water.
- ★ Local clubs invited to provide their own coaches to participate in the program



★ Sessions will focus on identifying players based on the four pillars of the games:

- **Technical:** receiving, dribbling, passing, shooting, defending, finishing.
- **Tactical:** positional awareness, game knowledge.
- **Psychosocial:** teamwork and communication, coachability, etc.
- **Physical:** overall athletic ability, speed, endurance, quickness, agility, etc.

2. *Fall-Winter Phase*

a. 2013's and 2014's cohorts only

i. **2013's**

1. Up to 25 selected players from the ID sessions
2. Dates: Oct 29; Nov 05, 12, 19, 26; Dec 03; Jan 07, 14, 21, 28; Feb 04, 11, 18, 25 (14 weeks)
3. On March 11th, up to 20 players per gender will be selected to form the Pacific FC U14 Teams to train as a group in the Spring Phase

ii. **2014's**

1. 10 weeks (2 blocks of 5 weeks)
 - a. Nov 05, 12, 19, 26, Dec 03
 - b. Jan 28, Feb 04, 11, 18, 25
2. Maximum Registration Capacity: 35 players per gender
 - a. Based on local clubs' Technical Director recommendations

*This program is focused on talent identification for players aspiring to play at Tier 1 level. As part of our commitment to transparency and respect to the local soccer environment, the club reserves the right to provide families with honest, respectful feedback regarding a player's fit within the current competitive level. This includes situations where we may recommend that a player continue their development at their grassroots or community club and not continue in our environment at that moment. This would mean the family will be refunded the investment made.

3. Spring Phase

a. 2013's and 2015/2016's cohorts only

i. 2013's

1. 10-week Program (April 01st to June 03rd)
2. Pacific FC U14 teams practicing 3x/week to resemble the BCSPL season programming
3. Exhibition games against local clubs and BCSPL clubs
4. Trip to Vancouver to play a match

ii. 2015/2016's

1. 4-5 week program
2. Practices 1/week (focus: ball mastering/technique)
3. Maximum registration Capacity: to be announced

