

What is Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3?

- Tier 1 is the highest level of Youth Soccer in BC. It is also known as High Performance League (HPL) or EA Sports BC Premier League.
- Tier 2 is the next level below Tier 1. On the mainland, Tier 2 teams play Metro/Select. On Vancouver Island, Tier 2 teams play in the newly created Vancouver Island Premier League (VIPL). VIPL is a league run by Upper Island Soccer Association (UISA) and Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA).
- LISA and UISA run their own Tier 3 Leagues. In LISA, this is comprised of Gold, Silver and Bronze.

What does VIPL mean?

Vancouver Island Premier League. VIPL is a Tier 2 league run by Upper Island Soccer Association (UISA) and Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA).

Why did we create the VIPL?

VIPL was created to provide a higher level of competition for those players who do not play Tier 1.

What teams are in VIPL?

In the 11/12 season, LISA and UISA are running a pilot in two age groups for both boys and girls – U14 and U15. In the 12/13 season we expect to expand VIPL to u16, U17 and u18.

How were teams selected in the pilot year for VIPL?

- In UISA, two teams in each Division will be created and entered into VIPL: UI-North and UI-South.
- In LISA, VIPL pilot teams were selected based on the standings at the end of the 10/11 season. The top 4 teams in each age Division were selected for VIPL. In 3 Divisions, due to the combination of unplayed games and season ending points, it was not clear which teams would/could be the top 4 teams. In those Divisions, LISA entered 5 teams.

The "updated" Teams in the pilot year for VIPL are:

The 11/12 U14 VIPL Boys Teams are: UI-North UI-South Bays GH/CB Lakehill Peninsula	The 11/12 U15 VIPL Boys Teams are: UI-North UI-South Bays Cowichan GH/CB Gorge JdF
The 11/12 U14 VIPL Girls Teams are: UI-North UI-South Bays GH/CB JdF	The 11/12 U15 Girls VIPL Teams are: UI-South Bays Gorge Lakehill Peninsula

For future years LISA teams, please see "Team selection in future years " in the LISA Only Issues below.

Will VIPL play Saturday or Sunday?

Boys will play on Sunday. Girls will play on Saturday

When will the league start?

Currently the first games will be the weekend of September 17 2011

How long is the season?

The season should run from September to March or April.

There will be no games on Thanksgiving.

There will be two make-up weeks at the end of the 2nd round to allow for make-up games

There will be no games (approximately) December 15 – January 15

What time of day will the games be held?

The games will be held in the afternoon to allow for travel up/down island.

How many games will there be in a season?

In the pilot year, for those Divisions with 6 teams, there will be 3 rounds (15 games). For those Divisions with more than 6 teams, there will likely only be 2 rounds (12 games if 7 teams). Teams may play more games to round out the season.

Where will the games be held?

The games will be held in LISA and in UISA. For the pilot year, UISA games will be scheduled in the Nanaimo Regional District or Comox Valley Regional District. For the pilot year, there will be no games scheduled in Port Alberni or Powell River, however, games may be held in these locations if both teams agree. Games may be held in these locations in the future.

Will it be balanced or unbalanced travel?

UISA will have 2 home games for every 1 away game.

What Provincial Cup will VIPL Teams compete for?

VIPL Teams will compete for "A" Cup, which is the same Cup as Metro/Select Teams.

How many teams will the VIPL be allowed to place in the A Provincial A Cup play downs?

We think VIPL will have 4 spots. BC Soccer has not yet indicated how the A Cup will be structured.

How will the VIPL 4 Provincial Cup Teams be determined?

Note: This section is to be considered draft. This section will be finalized after the BCSCA Competitions committee meets in September 2011.

Prior to determining the seeding of any teams, the Division must have competed at least two complete rounds.

The teams in each Division will be seeded in the order in which they finished at the end of the last completed round.

The first and second placed VIPL teams based on league standings (at the end of the last completed round) are automatically two of the 4 VIPL Teams entered into the Coastal Cup.

Teams finishing third and fourth will be placed in two separate single knock out play down ladders. The two play down ladders will be structured so that, at the start of the first play down series, the highest placed team (at the end of the last completed round) will play the lowest placed team (at the end of the last completed round). For example, in a Division of 6 teams, 3 v 6 and 4 v 5.

The single knock out games will continue until each ladder has a winner. The winner of each ladder will be one of the remaining two VIPL Teams entered in Coastal Cup. In the example above, the winner of 3 v 6 would be one of the teams, the winner of 4 v 5 would be the other.

If any VIPL Division has more than 6 teams, or if any legal BC soccer team not in VIPL challenges for A Cup, these additional teams will be seeded as the lowest seeded team. If a bye situation is created, then the bye will be given in the first play down round to the highest placed VIPL Team (as at the end of the last completed round).

If for any reason in Section 7 there is need of a tie breaker to determine seeding, that tie breaker is as follows:

1. All Head to Head games within completed rounds.
2. Goal difference (goals for minus goals against)
3. Goal average (goals for divided by goals against)
4. Single game play-off (Extra Time & Penalties)

When will team lists be declared and players assigned?

VIPL Declarations and 11 players must be to LISA's office by August 15th. VIPL team rosters must be to LISA's office by September 9th. Teams lists must be submitted to BC Soccer on or before October 1.

Will all teams be registered in one Association?

UISA Teams will be registered with UISA. LISA teams will be registered with LISA.

Can International players play in this league?

LISA and UISA will together to ensure compliance and consistency to BC Soccer's/FIFA's international player rules.

Anything other general items we should know?

Discipline for VIPL will be done using LISA's Discipline Committee with either a Teleconference or some other arrangements UISA players .

Protests will be handled jointly by LISA and UISA

The two districts will work jointly on protests to avoid any possible conflicts of interest and to ensure each district is aware of the protest.

What if one VIPL is routinely losing their games by a large margin?

That team will be given the option of leaving Tier 2 and playing Tier 3. If the team drops out of Tier 2, then all games played against this team in a completed round will count in the standings. All games played against this team in incomplete rounds will not count in the standings.

Will there be a season ending tournament?

None planned. There will be no "Island Cup" for Tier 2. There will be no "District Cup" for Tier 2.

How many officials will Teams be required to provide?

Each District is responsible for ensuring one qualified referee is provided for their teams home league games, and it will strive to provide two qualified Assistant Referee's for their home league games. In those instances where the home team cannot provide two qualified Assistant Referees, each team will be responsible for providing a person as an assistant referee.

Each District is responsible for ensuring one qualified neutral referee and two qualified assistant referees are provided for their teams home Provincial Cup games. For the purposes of this rule, a neutral referee is a referee that is not normally assigned by the home team. For example, in a provincial cup game involving UI-North as a home team, a neutral referee is a referee not normally assigned by UI-North. As another example, in a provincial cup game involving Lakehill as the home team, the neutral referee is a referee not normally assigned by Lakehill

How will score recording get done?

Each age Division will have a score recorder as now, who will update one or two websites

Will player cards be required?

Yes. Contact your District for details.