

Provincial Select Question and Answers

1. Will there be tryouts for the Provincial Select players?

Yes, however the 'tryout' process has been adapted. Instead of holding specific tryouts over a weekend or a week, there is a longer period for athletes to be identified for our travel teams. A drop-in program commences in March for the select players within their age groups, with an official start to the program in April. It is important in a participant-centred model to provide all participants the opportunity to challenge for a travel spot, therefore a longer period is provided for athletes to showcase their abilities to the staff. Essentially all trialists are required to showcase their work ethic and ability at every session.

2. What if there are too many athletes that try out for Provincial Selects?

This is never a bad situation to have. More athletes will result in more depth within the program and the Club. More athletes competing against each other to make the final roster, results in more competitiveness and drive by the athletes, as there is meaning and significance to being named to the final squad.

Requiring a final squad of 18 to go to competition, one of two options will occur if there are a higher number of athletes trialing for the final squad:

1. A roster of 18 travel athletes and injured reserves will be set.
2. Two teams will be developed within a maturational stage. For example, a U14 and a U15 squad could be made within the U15 bracket. Or, A travel team and a development team could be built. This will depend on the total number of athletes trialing and the athletic and sport-specific abilities of said athletes.

3. Is there still a "Selects" Program

Yes. The former 'Selects' program is now referred to as the Provincial Selects program. This program has been adapted to take the position within the Club that is between the Competitive Club League and the Acceleration HP program.

4. Why are the 'Age-Groups' based on odd years?

The Club now uses maturational stages to pool athletes instead of the past method of single year chronological age brackets. This gives the Club more leeway to adapt and evolve the placement of athletes, as we can transition athletes based on more realistic criteria. Through experience this ensures we do not lose the late matured athletes and have them fall through the cracks. Additionally, the CSA bases eligibility for the Club Nationals competition on odd years. By transitioning the Club in this manner, we stay consistent with the guidelines set by our National body.

5. Will there be cuts from the provincial select team?

Due to the PGYSA looking to enlighten the program with growth and competition, we will not be cutting players as of the 2019 outdoor season. However, if there are enough for two teams per age group, or enough players for single age groups, we will accommodate accordingly. There will be a top 18 to travel, however all players with the determination and willingness to play within the Select program will be offered opportunity to train with their like-minded peers and gain opportunity for travel if chosen.

6. Will this still be able to create a competitive atmosphere?

As the players are constantly being evaluated during training and match play this will allow healthy competition every time the players step onto the pitch. They will be working hard and maintaining a mentality that to be selected for the traveling 18, they must showcase their work ethic and ability at every session.

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7. How is the Competitive Club league and Selects intertwined?

The athletes within the Provincial Select program will be divided up amongst the Club league for matches on a dedicated day of the week. This will allow for players to get extra game play and application experience by competing against each other. This breeds healthy competition, builds the base of the Club back up and with healthier competition, and builds more depth within the Provincial-Select program.

The Provincial Select training sessions will be held the same night of the week as the Club League players, however they will train separately on separate fields. This allows the coaches and athletes to bond and prepare for competition. All Provincial-Select squads receive an extra training session each week on Friday evenings.

8. Do I have to register for both Club League and Selects?

The match play fee of the Club League is part of the total \$300.00 you pay for Provincial Selects. You do not have to register for both; just the Selects cost of \$300.00. This cost includes;

Kit Fee

Two training sessions

Match play within the Club League

Please note the traveling 18 will have additional fees for their tournaments

9. How do I register for Provincial Selects?

To register for the provincial selects program please follow the following steps;

Option 1:

- Go to www.pgysa.bc.ca
- Click the heading "Outdoor Programs"
- Click "Provincial Selects" on the drop-down menu
- See the schedule, documentation and fee
- Click the blue link that states "Click here to register"
- Finish the step by step registration form
- Pay with Visa or Credit Online

Option 2:

- Pay with cash or cheque (\$300.00) to the PGYSA office
965 Winnipeg Street – V2L 5M9

If you have any further questions or concerns, please email indoorpg@pgysa.bc.ca

Thank you

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