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## Provincial Program Brief

The Provincial Program selects players in the U15-U18 age groups. There are two phases annually within each calendar year and players can be selected for January to July, and/or August to December. Each phase consists of training sessions, match play, and camp activity. At the end of each Phase (December and July), players who have participated in training sessions receive a BC Soccer Player Progress Report. The Player Progress Report has been designed to support the players in identifying areas of strength and areas to improve upon within their Club activity. The report is also shared with their respective Club Technical Director. In 2022, in alignment with the introduction of League 1 BC, BC Soccer will be extending the program to include the U19 to U21 combined age group. This part of the Program will consist of match play and players that participate receive a BC Soccer Player Performance Report that will be made available upon request to Professional Clubs in the Canadian Premier League (CPL), Major League Soccer (MLS), and the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), along with Canada Soccer National Programming.

The Program commits to the following four key principles:

1. To promote a Player/Person First Approach.
2. To support the Canada Soccer's, Long Term Player Development Principles.
3. To provide a Clear and Recognized Pathway for players to be developed, identified, and supported within.
4. To continually review and enhance all technical services provided to the players within the program.

## Coach Selection Process

BC Soccer's soccer development staff lead the Provincial Program with additional coaches who are either recommended by the BC SPL Club they coach within based on meeting and exceeding BC Soccer's Coach Profile Criteria or an apprentice coach who has been a former player within the program. Final coach selections for the Provincial Program are completed by BC Soccer.

With the intent to provide more opportunity for female coach participation and development within the province, BC Soccer has developed a female coach position whereby candidates who meet the criteria can apply to be involved within our Provincial Program. BC Soccer's ultimate goal with this initiative is to empower female coaches, while providing them new skillsets and experiences which can be shared back into the BC Soccer membership.

The following coaches were selected as BC Soccer Provincial Program staff within 2021.

First Name	Last Name	2021 Club
Colin	Elmes	TSS Football Club
Melissa	Mobilio	Coquitlam Metro-Ford Soccer Club
Nick	Perugini	Vancouver United Football Club
Nour	Fathy	Coastal Football Club
Sam	Boppart	Mountain United Football Club
Vanessa	Hansen	Fusion Football Club
Yasamin	Alipour	Vancouver United Football Club