



Bowen Island Football Club

PARENT EXPECTATIONS



REGISTRATION

- Please register your child before deadline and ensure all information is correct.

VOLUNTEERING

- Help by volunteering to coach, manage, help with field set-up, join the Board or other fun tasks.
- Help the coach and manager; they are volunteering their time. Without enough help, the kids don't play. Set up, take down, field-lining, putting goals out, picking up balls - it all helps.
- Help the manager with, car-pooling and arranging snacks (they are volunteering as well)
- League teams require parents to help set-up and take down benches and tents and roll nets to their age-appropriate field locations so coaches can warm up players and prepare them for their match. At the end of the game coaches need help to return them to locked location on turf field fence.

TEAMSNAPE

- Parents must download the Teamsnap app [here](#). BIFC uses Teamsnap to communicate with team members about upcoming games and practices and posts the team schedule including field locations. **The Club requests parents to update their child's availability for both training sessions and games.** This is very important so coaches can be aware of possible absences and make the necessary adjustments. This is especially important given some teams may need to rotate players or call up players from other teams.
- Check Teamsnap or email and reply to requests from your coach or manager. This saves your volunteer Coaches and Managers a lot of time.

GAMES AND TRAINING

- Parents are responsible to get their children to games or practices on time as specified by the coach; if a child cannot attend a game or practice, you need to inform the coach ahead of time.
- Be on time to pick up your child following games and practices.
- Inform the coach if your child is to get a ride home with someone else or to walk home.
- Inform the coach of any medical conditions they should be aware of.
- Model good sportsmanship - show respect for all players, coaches, game officials and the laws of the game.
- Be encouraging and enthusiastic towards all players and acknowledge the good plays of ALL players, on both teams.
- Come out to games and practices - the coaches and players love the extra encouragement and support.
- Be willing to work with the coach if there are discipline problems on the team. Discuss any difficulties with the manager or coach.
- Games are on rain or shine, except in the event of field closures and teams will be notified accordingly.
- Only players, coaches and managers are allowed in the technical area (bench/tent).

UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

- Ensure the player arrives at practices and games and is ready to go on time and with appropriate gear.
- For Youth league teams, U9 and older, you must provide soccer cleats, shin guards and a club-issued uniform (at cost). Players keep the entire uniform.
- Full kit (uniform) must be worn for games. Socks are to be worn over shin guards
- Proper footwear must be worn. Cleats for games and for practices.
- No jewelry can be worn.
- In cold weather dress your child in layers so it is easy to take clothes on or off.

- If a child must wear leggings in cold weather, please choose appropriate material; baggy pants and jeans do not allow the children to run freely and get heavy with rain. Cotton hoodies and sweats also get very heavy with rain.
- Drinking water should be brought to all games and practice. Put a name on the bottle.

