



# Vancouver Island Premier League



## What is VIPL?

Vancouver Island Premier League (VIPL) is a BC Soccer-sanctioned, Island-based competitive league comprised of teams from both Upper Island Soccer Association (UISA) and Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA).

It is the second tier of four recognized by the *BC Soccer League Play Pathway*. VIPL is equivalent to Metro/Select on the Mainland and teams compete provincially at the "A" Cup level.

## Player Pathway:

Tier I = BC SPL (BC Soccer Premier League) - Also called HPL

Tier II = VIPL (Vancouver Island Premier League)

Tier III = UISA Development League - Also called Gold, Rep, or Select

Tier IV = House - also called Club or Silver/Bronze

VIPL age divisions: Boys and Girls - U14, U15, U16 and U18.

*\*U17 age players attend evaluations with the U18s – if there is a large enough cohort, U17 teams may be fielded. Otherwise, U17s and U18s will play together on the U18 teams.*



## Teams

UISA fields VIPL teams from two regions - North and South. **Riptide** teams, from the North region, are made up of players from *Campbell River Youth Soccer, Comox Valley United Soccer, Powell River Youth Soccer and Port Hardy Youth Soccer*. **Storm** teams, from the South region, are made up of players from *Alberni Valley Youth Soccer, Gabriola Youth Soccer, Mid-Isle Youth Soccer, Nanaimo Youth Soccer and Oceanside Youth Soccer*.

*\*Historically, UISA fields two teams for each age division and gender: one Riptide team and one Storm team.*

*\*LISA historically will field three to five franchise-based teams for each age division and gender.*

## League Play/Season

Teams play weekly in the VIPL League from September to February with standings used to determine the League Champion. Girls U14-16 play Saturdays; Boys U14-18 and Girls U18 play Sundays. Cup play takes place in February and March. The winner of the VIPL Cup play earns the Island Berth to both Coastal "A" Cup in April/May and Provincial "A" Cup in July.

*\*Riptide U14-U16 players participate in a 10 month program that includes the spring academy.*

## **Travel**

Travel is only required on Vancouver Island. Games are scheduled in Island communities from Campbell River to Victoria (excluding Powell River).

*\*Travel off the Island only if your team chooses to attend a tournament or for VIPL playdown winners attending Coastal/Provincial cup*

## **Coaches**

Coaches must apply and are chosen by a regionally-based committee. All coaches are volunteers.

To continue our ongoing commitment to coach and player development, both the Riptide and Storm franchises operate under the direction of a professional Technical Director.

Riptide = Shel Brodsgaard

Storm = Larry Stefanek

## **Evaluations**

Evaluation information can be found on the [UISA Website Home page](#) and players are required to pre-register online via the UISA website.

Players who wish to “play-up” are welcome to register with a letter of recommendation from their club Technical Director. UISA adheres to BC Soccer's *Playing Up Policy*, which can be found on the BC Soccer website.

Team rosters will be announced by early June.

## **Player Registration and Fees**

There are no boundaries or transfers required for UISA VIPL players; they can play for either Riptide or Storm regardless of the home club affiliation. However, all players must also register with their home club. A home club is determined by where one resides. UISA's eight clubs and boundaries are located on the [UISA website](#), under the “Members” tab in the “About UISA” menu on the Welcome Page. Non-registered players are not permitted to practice or play until registration with their home club is complete.

All players are required to pay their home club's registration fees prior to their respective deadlines. Please consult your home club for exact costs and dates. In addition, players are required to pay VIPL league fees directly to UISA, which are due starting in June.

A VIPL fees document with a detailed breakdown of the VIPL league fee is provided to everyone before evaluations.

**Please note:** Extra costs for travel, team equipment, etc. may be incurred - to be determined by individual teams and coaching staff.

## **Code of Conduct**

Players, Parents, and Coaches are required to read and sign the *Code of Conduct* form prior to the start of league play in September.

## **Resources:**

UISA website: [uisa.ca](http://uisa.ca)

VIPL website: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=vipl>

Riptide website: <http://www.riptidesoccer.ca/>

Storm website: *Coming soon*

BC Soccer: <https://www.bcsoccer.net/home>