



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

2023-2024
YEAR IN REVIEW

TO THE SOCCER COMMUNITY IN B.C.

The past year has been a period of significant milestones and growth for the soccer community in British Columbia. The 2023-24 journey has been marked by defining moments that have strengthened our community, culminating in the final year of our current strategic plan. Throughout this period, we have remained committed to fostering the development of soccer at all levels. Ultimately, laying a solid foundation for a prosperous future for our sport.

As an organization, we proudly achieved the "ViaSport Accredited" designation, recognizing the high standards of operation adopted by BC Soccer. We also laid the groundwork for the new "home of soccer" in Port Coquitlam and we designed and implemented a new staffing model to better support the delivery of services and programs across British Columbia. These initiatives, delivered in collaboration with our partners, members, affiliated clubs, and governing bodies, aim to elevate engagement and support the development of soccer in BC.

Our Member Organizations have continued to promote participation, striving to create additional opportunities for players, coaches, and officials. Our focus on grassroots development has been reinforced by unprecedented support, fostering the growth and development of the game. We secured new partnerships and introduced nationally led initiatives designed to directly benefit participants in our province. This resulted in enhanced resources, support, and guidance being available to all organizations seeking to expand their programs and services.

In alignment with the Canada Soccer National Club License Program, all clubs have achieved the Quality Soccer Provider designation, with an increasing number of clubs obtaining the National Youth Club Licensing designation. This accomplishment sets a strong foundation for greater organizational development for clubs in our Province.

The Coach Education program has equipped coaches with the knowledge and tools necessary to guide the next generation of players. BC Soccer has continued to lead the implementation of safety requirements, designed to protect participants and empower organizations by enhancing coaching standards in alignment with the Canada Soccer Safe Sport Roster.

Our Referee Development Program has expanded to include Futsal education, ensuring that our officials are well-prepared to support the growth of the game in BC. A more robust network of support has provided match officials from British Columbia with additional exposure to higher opportunities, including added competitions and events hosted in BC.

Provincial Championships were once again celebrated by participants across our province. The return of Adult Competition to Vancouver Island marked the end of the pandemic-induced hiatus. The 2024 competition saw increased participation, with seven Adult Leagues, 98 teams, and over 2,750 players taking part. This year's Adult Championships paid tribute to the legacy of Kjeld Brodsgaard, with the soccer community in BC raising over \$28,000 to support KidSport in his honor.

The introduction of the new Player Development Program (PDP) National Championship has inspired youth players participating in standards-based programs in our province. We have continued to work with Canada Soccer to enhance the ecosystem by revamping national youth competitions and implementing various measures to improve player development, safety, and grassroots participation.

In addition to enhanced support and standards at the youth level, we have witnessed successful participation of BC teams in semi-professional environments, including the League1 Canada Inter-Provincial Championship. Players, coaches, and officials have experienced a tangible increase in opportunities to showcase their talents.

Our outreach initiatives have successfully brought the joy of soccer to under-represented groups, reinforcing our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. By forging strategic partnerships, we have made significant strides in advancing this cause and enhancing the soccer experience across British Columbia, paving the way for a more accessible and exciting future. The road ahead requires collective support for additional investment to ensure that our sport continues in the right trajectory.

We acknowledge and recognize the dedication and hard work of our Board of Directors and staff, as well as the support and commitment from our member organizations, affiliated clubs, and partners. The collective efforts of the soccer community have been instrumental in driving our mission forward.

As we look to the future, we embrace the challenges and opportunities presented by our new strategic plan, which we are excited to launch at our Annual Meeting. Building on the successes and lessons learned from our most recent strategic plan, our province is prepared to welcome new opportunities, fostering a culture of enduring passion for the beautiful game.



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We acknowledge and provide thanks that our work, and that of our members, takes place on the unceded territories of the First Nations people of BC and specifically for the BC Soccer head office the Coastal Salish people, including the territory of the Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), x̣ṃməθḳẉəỵəm (Musqueam) and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations.

2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

The completion of the 2024 Strategic Plan represents a significant milestone for BC Soccer. This ambitious strategic plan required engagement, commitment, and vision of all our stakeholders. Over the past five years, the soccer community in British Columbia has joined to advance key areas of the sport, supporting the overarching goal of establishing a modernized and progressive structure for soccer in our province.

Beginning with the essential “business resumption” during and post-pandemic, and extending to the enhancement of governing structures, the organization has successfully committed to, and exceeded, key targets. Notable achievements include the introduction of an enhanced Safe Sport Plan, which addresses policies, procedures, reporting, and investigation mechanisms. Additionally, the onboarding of the BC Universal Code of Conduct and the implementation of the Canada Soccer Safe Sport Roster have been significant milestones.

Comprehensive efforts to redefine and strengthen BC Soccer’s membership have been undertaken to ensure an inclusive and accessible system for all participants. The introduction of a new Membership structure and the consolidation of member districts have provided a new level of support and established a foundation for future engagements.

In conjunction with the work completed with memberships, the organization has also focused on strengthening internal business operations to achieve governance excellence and a strong financial position. A new governance and policy framework has established clear roles, responsibilities, and scope, resulting in a broader governing structure that supports the ever-growing demands of the sport sector.

Driven by the development of a dedicated facility, the organization has supported the comprehensive expansion and implementation of programs targeting diversity, equity, and inclusion. This includes fostering meaningful partnerships with under-represented groups and deploying an action plan that will continue to guide strategy towards increasing participation.

The introduction of key development pillars for players, coaches, and referees has included the launch of a new coaching framework, the expansion of development programs, and the addition of a new level of competition with the introduction of League1 BC to the soccer landscape.

With considerable progress in these areas, the organization and its membership are ready to embrace a new strategic cycle, capitalizing on the tremendous opportunities ahead. The forthcoming cycle will focus on building a long-lasting legacy for future generations

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

To better support the membership, and building on our webinar series from 2023/24, BC Soccer hosted Webinars on:

- *Discipline and Complaint Management: Presented by ITP*
- *Concussion Management: Presented by Dr. Aaron Bindstock*
- *Supporting Positive Behaviour in Sport: Presented by the Canucks Autism Network*
- *Insurance: Presented by SBC*

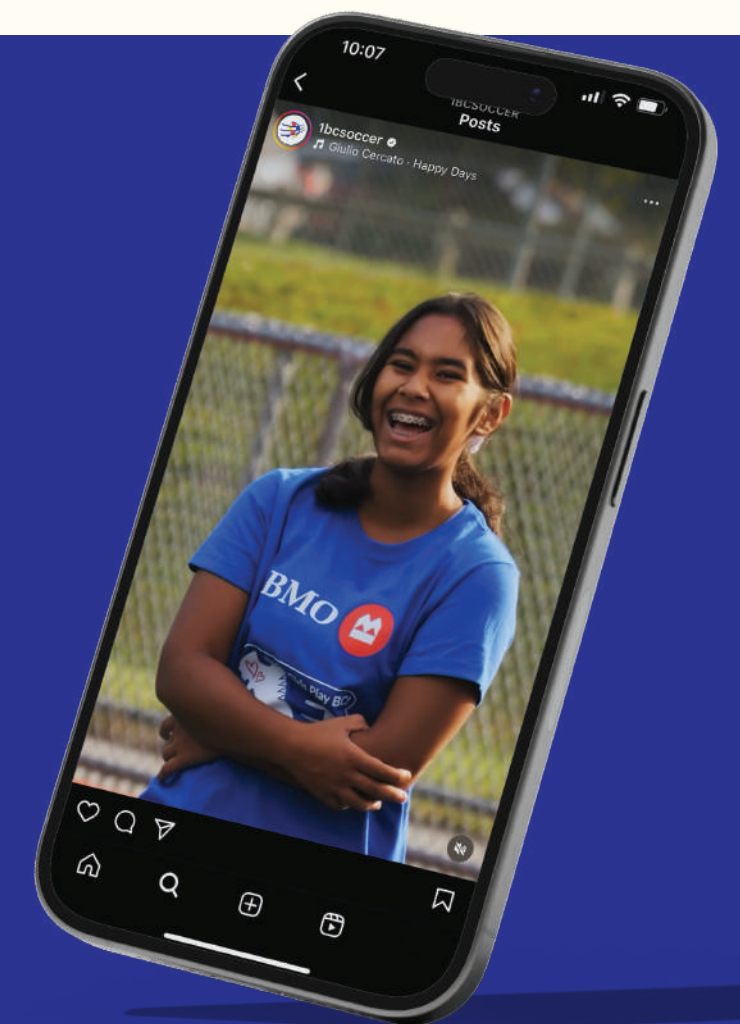
In November 2023, we hosted the Annual General Meeting and Award Banquet designed to recognize the impacts of individuals within the soccer community in BC.

COMMUNICATIONS & SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

BC Soccer continues to transform our communications initiatives, reflecting our commitment to enhancing the soccer experience for our members and the broader soccer community. The Association recognizes the importance of these endeavors and will continue to support all aspects of the organization.

Through social engagement, BC Soccer aims to focus efforts on outreach and ensuring amplification of “positive soccer experiences” across our channels. This is all with the aim to foster a sense of community and inclusion by increasing membership communication. Monthly newsletters, consistent bulletins, and articles help us support increased engagement with clubs and stakeholders, as we work to strengthen the ties within the soccer community.

These initiatives are driven by a dual focus on engagement—both within the organization, among the membership, board, and staff, and externally, by consistently showcasing BC Soccer’s values and support to the broader soccer community. BC Soccer has seen a drastic increase in member engagement across all social media platforms and will look to continue to grow our digital footprint in 2025.



COACH AND REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

REFEREE CLINICS

BC Soccer provides Referee Clinics through a hybrid delivery model that enables students to engage with material through self-guided learning and in-person practical training to reinforce learning objectives highlighted in each clinic. In 2023-24 a total of 4,445 referees completed either the Small Sided, Entry Level and or Refresher courses. Of these referees, 26% were female and 74% were male participants.

REFEREE PROVINCIAL PROGRAM:

The Referee Provincial Program is designed to bring together identified Referees from the Regional and Provincial classification streams into the performance training and game environments. The program's focus is to support each Referee's development while also creating an overall environment that allows scouting opportunities for the BC Soccer Provincial Upgrading and National Nominations with Canada Soccer.

In 2023/24 a total of 8 females and 42 males participated in the program and of those individuals:

- Five female members of the Referee Provincial Program were selected to Canada Soccer's Women's Referee Program.
- Five male members of the Referee Provincial Program were selected to Canada Soccer's NextGen program.
- 13 members of the Referee Provincial Program were selected to officiate at Canada Soccer's National Club Championships.

2023/24 REFEREE CLINIC NUMBERS

Course Name	# Of Courses	Male Referees	Female Referees	Grand Total
Small Sided	59	810	383	1,193
Entry Level	39	474	146	620
Outdoor Refresher	12	214	25	239
Online Refresher (Full Field)	N/A	737	131	868
Online Refresher (Small Sided)	N/A	1,051	474	1,525
Development	24	308	66	374
Futsal Entry Level	1	12	1	13
Regional Upgrade	1	18	1	19
Provincial Upgrade	1	3	1	4
Instructor Accreditation	1	5	0	5
Grand Total	138	3,632	1,228	4,860



COACH AND REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

COACHING DEVELOPMENT

TECHNICAL SERVICE PLAN: PLAYER, COACH & REFEREE

The Soccer Development Department introduced the Technical Service Plan in April 2023 and continues to support the delivery of player, coach, and referee development across all playing environments in BC. This service supports all clubs regardless of the leagues and competitive environment that they participate in and provides access to technical resources as follows:

- Player Profile
- Team Profile
- Coach Profile
- The Ball Curriculum (U6-U9)
- The Player Curriculum (U10-U13)
- The Team Curriculum (U14-U18)

COACH COURSES

A total of 2,128 coaches completed Part 2 of the Grassroots courses (Active Start, Fundamentals, Learn to Train and Soccer for Life). These age-specific courses help individuals gain a better understanding of how to coach players based on their stage of development. Of these coaches, 29% were female and 71% were male participants.

Course Name	# Of Courses	Male Coaches	Female Coaches	Grand Total
Active Start	28	185	117	302
Fundamentals	38	356	174	530
Learn to Train	46	570	193	763
Soccer for Life	36	399	134	533
C-Licence Evaluations	1	82	23	105
Accessibility Diploma	1	6	4	10
Goalkeeping Diploma	2	40	5	45
Technical Director Diploma	1	24	0	24
Learning Facilitator Training	1	8	4	12
Learning Facilitator Evaluation	1	12	1	13
Grand Total	155	1,682	655	2,337

Canada Soccer introduced new curriculum revisions and updates to the C Diploma (formerly known as C Licence). This Advanced Coach Education Program course had undergone significant development to align the content to meet the standards of the CONCACAF Coaching Convention. BC Soccer scheduled four regional C Diploma courses starting in 2024 where coaches can expect a rigorous schedule over a 10-month period including online synchronous and asynchronous work as well as onsite workshops followed by a formal evaluation process.

LEARNING FACILITATOR PROGRAM

The Learning Facilitator Program is a service provided to BC Soccer's Member Organizations and Affiliate Clubs who can endorse their own technical leads to become qualified to deliver Grassroots courses to its coaches with an "In-Club Learning Facilitator" model. This initiative provides the flexibility needed for busy organizations to deliver coach training throughout the year and supports them to help meet minimum coaching requirements. BC Soccer's online approach streamlines the training of Learning Facilitators and provides accessibility across the province. Our vision is to empower all organizations to have at least one technical lead designated in each club who has the responsibility to oversee the development of its coaches. Successful applicants undergo the required training and once completed, this individual is expected to take an active role in coordinating and delivering the Grassroots courses for their club according to its needs on an annual basis.



COACH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Coach Mentorship Program is a key component to support the development, retention, and advancement of coaches in British Columbia. This initiative is aimed at providing opportunities for coaches interested in developing their coaching skills, who may be pursuing leadership roles in coaching as part of a career advancement strategy. Candidate selections for the program prioritize female coaches, Indigenous coaches, other underrepresented groups and considers regional representation, which is in support of BC Soccer's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion plan. This past year, 40 candidates were selected to the program with access to a BC Soccer Mentor for the duration of the program to help support them along their journey that included free enrollment on the Canada Soccer C Licence program. Over the past 4 years, BC Soccer has supported nearly 100 coaches across the province in this initiative with over 65% of those involved, being female coaches.

COACH EDUCATION DIPLOMAS

BC Soccer believes in providing ongoing soccer education to meet the evolving and developmental needs within the game. BC Soccer was excited to roll out the Accessibility Diploma in partnership with 'Soccability' Canada to help bring awareness and training opportunities for coaches involved in adaptive soccer supporting players with disabilities. We also delivered two Goalkeeping Diplomas with this half-day workshop introducing 45 coaches to the art of goalkeeping. The contents of this workshop are designed to give coaches basic knowledge with regards to the techniques and skills involved in being an effective goalkeeper coach. The Technical Director Diploma was also on the schedule in 2024 and trained 24 individuals on how to maximize their impact in the game in their role. This 2-day workshop is focused on supporting individuals who are responsible for providing technical leadership for their soccer organization. It is aimed at individuals who currently hold a Technical Director position and for those who may be in the capacity to oversee those responsibilities whether full-time, part-time, or as a volunteer.

LOWER MAINLAND REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

PLAYERS

74,387

Total Registered Players

58,403

Registered Youth Players

15,984

Registered Adult Players

23,911

Female Players

50,474

Male Players

2

Non-Binary Players

REFEREES

79

Total Referee Clinics Delivered

3,944

Total Referee Participants Reached

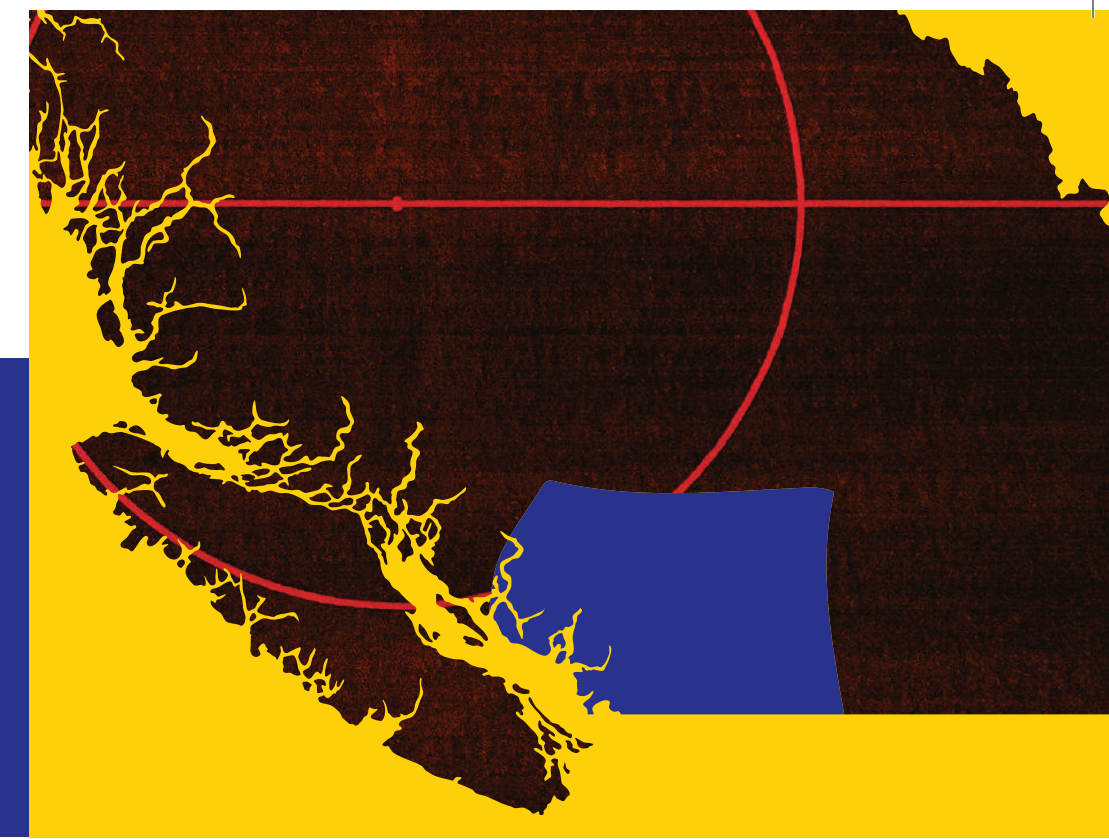
COACHES

94

Total Coach Courses Delivered

1,556

Total Coach Participants Reached



REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

YOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

- Burnaby District Youth Soccer Association
- Fraser Valley Youth Soccer Association
- North Fraser Youth Soccer Association
- North Shore Youth Soccer Association
- Richmond Soccer Association
- South Fraser District Association
- Vancouver Youth Soccer Association

ADULT LEAGUES

- Fraser Valley Soccer League
- Lower Mainland Soccer League
- Metro Women's Soccer League
- North Shore Coaches League
- North Shore Women's Over 30
- Pacific Coast Soccer League
- Richmond Adult Soccer Association
- Vancouver Metro Soccer League

REFEREE CLINICS

City	Small Sided	Entry Level	Outdoor Refresher	Development	Futsal Entry Level	Regional Upgrade	Provincial Upgrade	Instructor Accreditation
Abbotsford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aldergrove	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burnaby	0	0	2	12	0	1	0	0
Chilliwack	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coquitlam	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Langley	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Laval	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maple Ridge	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Westminster	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Vancouver	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Coquitlam	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Port Moody	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Powell River	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Sechelt	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Squamish	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virtual	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Whistler	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	29	18	10	18	1	1	1	1

COACHING COURSES

City	Active Start	Fundamentals	Learn to Train	Soccer for Life	C-Licence Evaluations	Accessibility Diploma	Goal-keeping Diploma	Technical Director Diploma	Learning Facilitator Training	Learning Facilitator Evaluation
Abbotsford	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aldergrove	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burnaby	2	3	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	0
Coquitlam	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibsons	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ladner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langley	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maple Ridge	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Westminster	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Vancouver	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pemberton	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Coquitlam	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Moody	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powell River	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Squamish	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	5	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	1	2	5	3	1	1	0	0	1	1
Total Courses	16	21	29	21	1	1	2	1	1	1

THOMPSON OKANAGAN

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

PLAYERS

17,075

Total Registered Players

14,031

Registered Youth Players

7,036

Female Players

2,909

Registered Adult Players

10,039

Male Players

REFEREES

18

Total Referee Clinics Delivered

317

Total Referee Participants Reached

COACHES

17

Total Coach Courses Delivered

252

Total Coach Participants Reached

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

FULL MEMBER YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS

Central Okanagan Youth Soccer Association

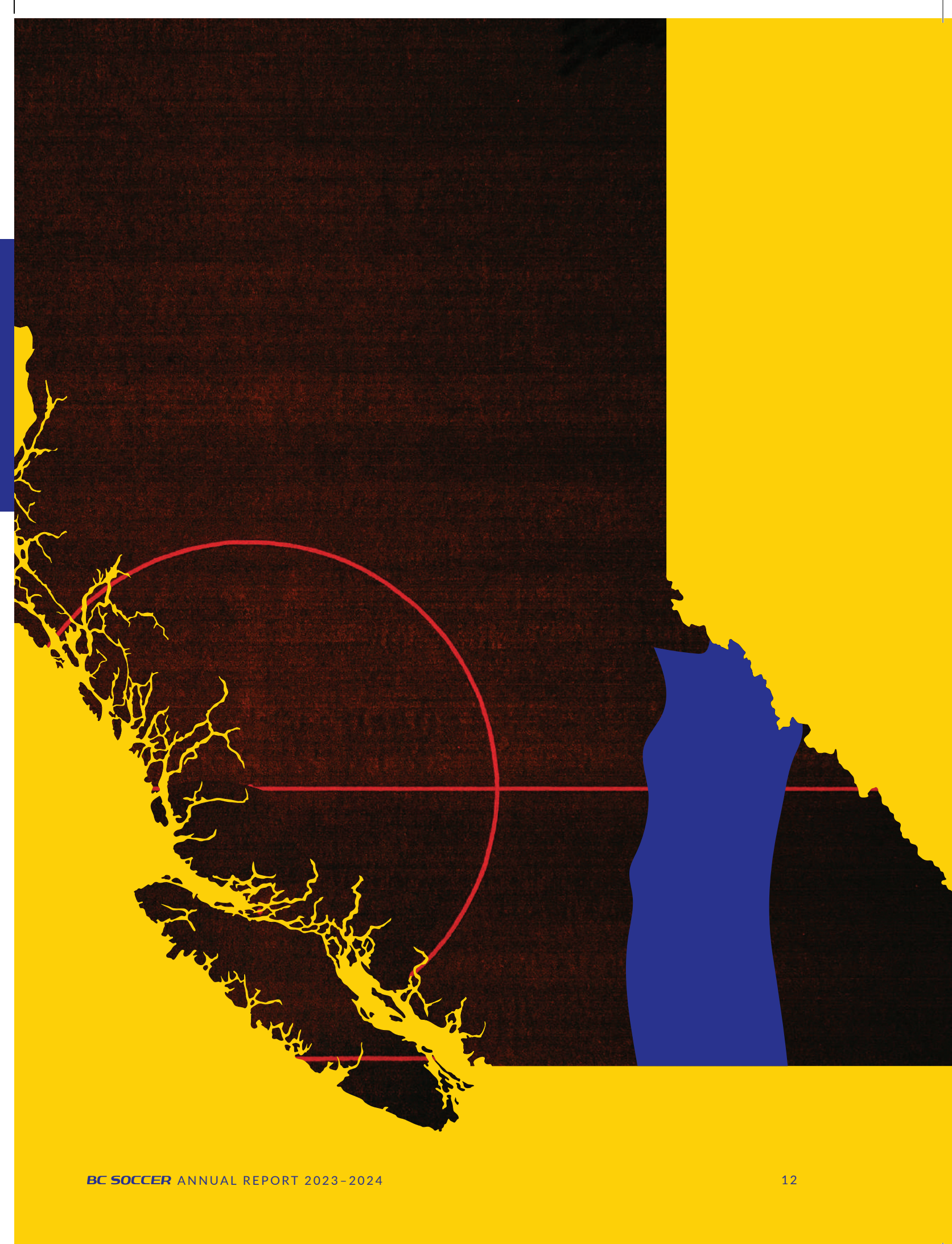
Thompson Okanagan Youth District Association

REFEREE CLINICS

City	Small Sided	Entry Level	Outdoor Refresher	Development
Kamloops	1	1	0	0
Kelowna	5	2	1	0
Lillooet	0	1	0	0
Penticton	1	1	0	0
Salmon Arm	1	1	0	0
Vernon	1	1	0	1
Total Clinics	9	7	1	1

COACH COURSES

City	Active Start	Fundamentals	Learn to Train	Soccer for Life
Kamloops	0	1	1	1
Kelowna	1	2	1	1
Lillooet	0	0	0	1
Salmon Arm	0	1	0	0
Vernon	1	1	0	1
West Kelowna	1	1	1	1
Total Courses	3	6	3	5



KOOTENAY ROCKIES

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

PLAYERS

5,277

Total Registered Players

4,717

Registered Youth Players

560

Registered Adult Players

1,991

Female Players

3,146

Male Players

140

Non-Binary Players

REFEREES

8

Total Referee Clinics Delivered

87

Total Referee Participants Reached

COACHES

9

Total Coach Courses Delivered

116

Total Coach Participants Reached

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

YOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

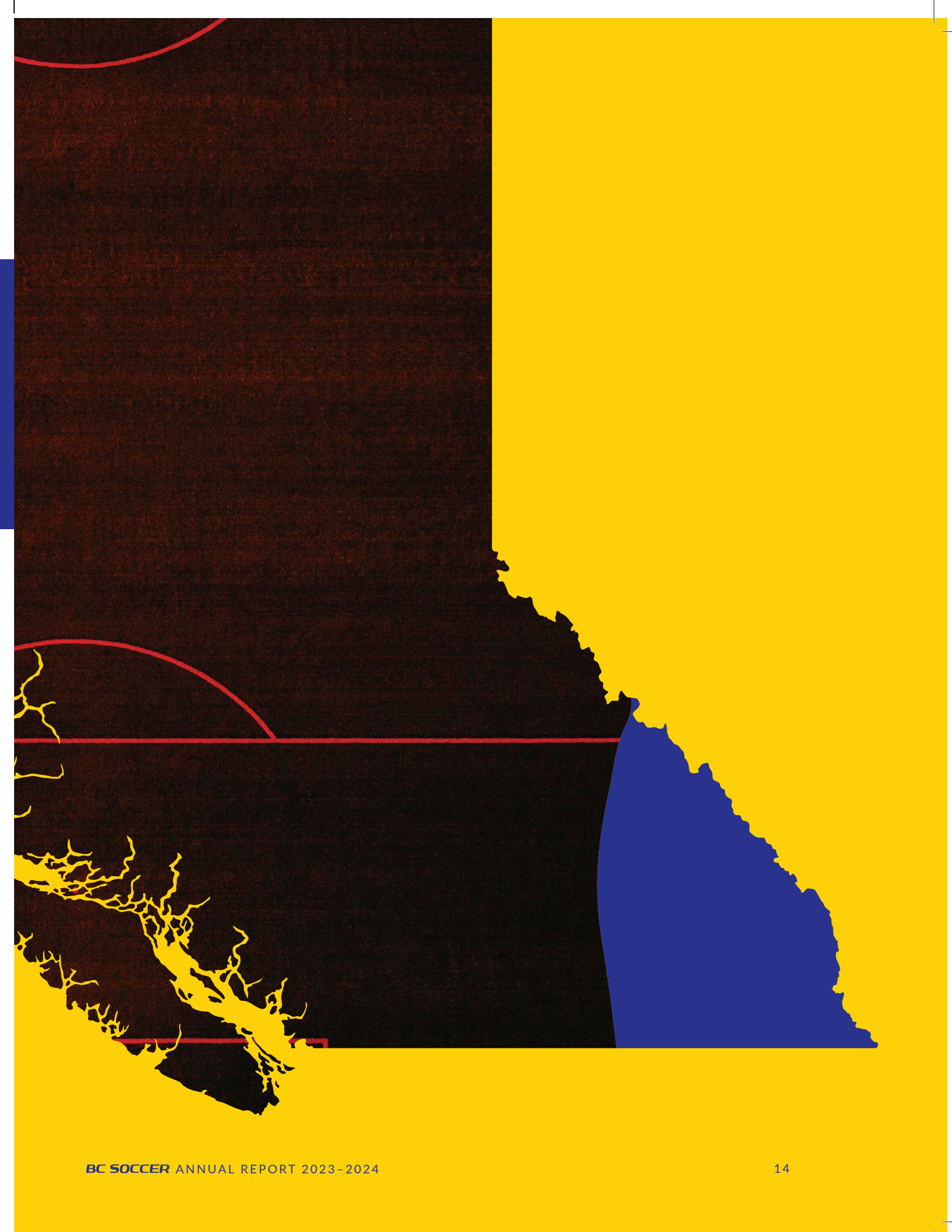
Kootenay Rockies Youth Soccer Association

REFEREE CLINICS

City	Small Sided	Entry Level
Castlegar	1	1
Cranbrook	0	1
Fernie	1	0
Golden	1	1
Nelson	1	1
Total Clinics	4	4

COACH COURSES

City	Active Start	Fundamentals	Learn to Train
Cranbrook	1	1	1
Nelson	1	1	1
Trail	1	1	1
Total Courses	3	3	3



NORTHERN BC

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

PLAYERS

5,712

Total Registered Players

4,851

Registered Youth Players

861

Registered Adult Players

2,389

Female Players

3,316

Male Players

7

Non-Binary Players

REFEREES

8

Total Referee Clinics Delivered

65

Total Referee Participants Reached

COACHES

7

Total Coach Courses Delivered

62

Total Coach Participants Reached

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

YOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Northern Interior Youth Soccer Association

Cariboo Youth Soccer Association

REFEREE CLINICS

City	Small Sided	Entry Level
Houston	1	1
Prince George	1	1
Terrace	1	1
Williams Lake	1	1
Total Clinics	4	4

COACH COURSES

	Active Start	Fundamentals	Learn to Train	Soccer for Life
Kitimat	0	1	1	1
Smithers	1	1	1	1
Total Courses	1	2	2	2



VANCOUVER ISLAND

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

PLAYERS

20,170

Total Registered Players

14,031

Registered Youth Players

7,423

Female Players

3,044

Registered Adult Players

12,747

Male Players

REFEREES

25

Total Referee Clinics Delivered

447

Total Referee Participants Reached

COACHES

28

Total Coach Courses Delivered

351

Total Coach Participants Reached

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

YOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Lower Island Soccer Association

North Island Youth Soccer Association

Upper Island Youth Soccer Association

ADULT LEAGUES

Lower Island Women's Soccer Association

Mid-Island Women's Soccer League

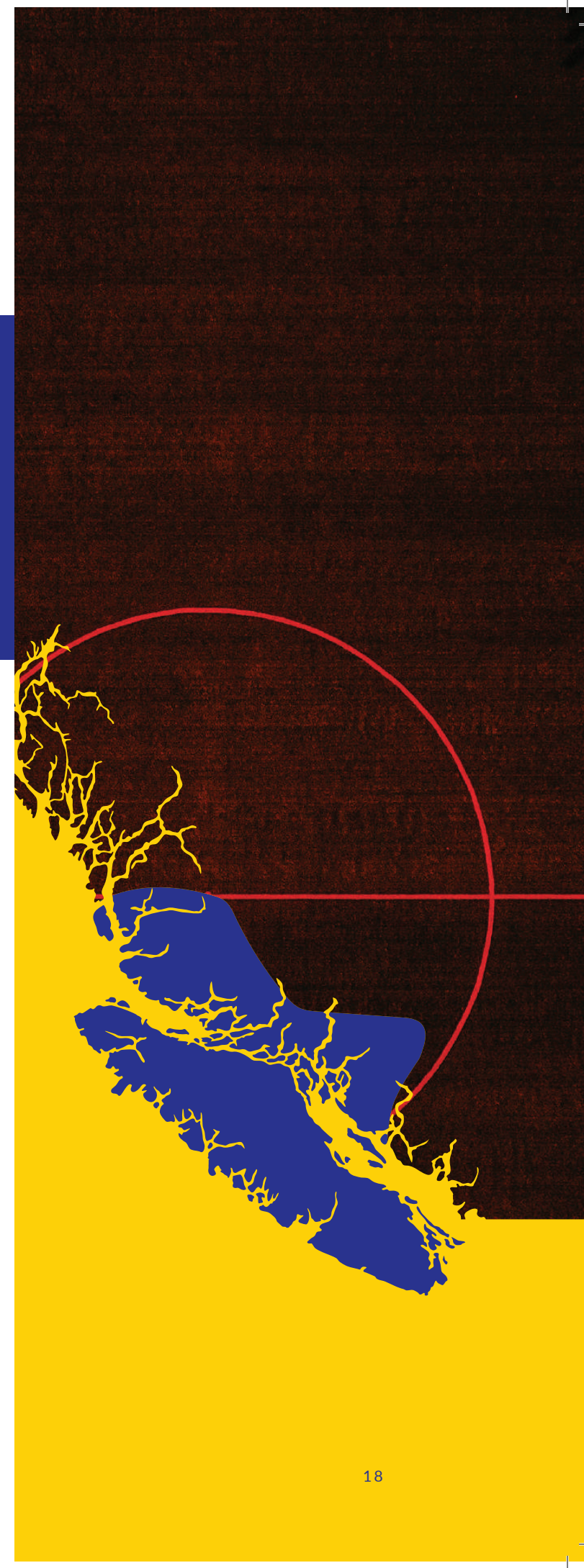
Vancouver Island Soccer League

REFEREE CLINICS

City	Small Sided	Entry Level	Outdoor Refresher	Development
Campbell River	1	0	0	0
Courtenay	1	1	0	0
Ladysmith	1	1	0	0
Nanaimo	1	1	0	2
Port Alberni	1	0	0	0
Qualicum Beach	2	0	0	1
Victoria	6	3	1	2
Total Clinics	13	6	1	5

COACH COURSES

	Active Start	Fundamentals	Learn to Train	Soccer for Life
Campbell River	0	0	1	1
Courtenay	1	1	1	1
Duncan	0	0	0	1
Gabriola Island	1	1	1	0
Nanaimo	0	1	1	1
Port Alberni	1	0	1	0
Saanich	0	0	1	1
Victoria	2	3	3	3
Total Courses	5	6	9	8





PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

PREMIER CUP (BURNABY)

CUP	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
U14 Boys	Coastal FC	Surrey FC
U15 Boys	Surrey United SC	Surrey FC
U16 Boys	Van Isle Wave	Burnaby FC
U17 Boys	Fusion FC	Burnaby FC
U18 Boys	Burnaby FC	Van Isle Wave
U14 Girls	Surrey United SC	Coastal FC
U15 Girls	Coastal FC	North Vancouver FC
U16 Girls	Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC	Burnaby FC
U17 Girls	Langley United SC	Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC
U18 Girls	Fusion FC	Van Isle Wave

A-CUP (KAMLOOPS)

CUP	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
U14 Boys	Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC PSG	Surrey FC Pegasus
U15 Boys	Okanagan FC	ICSF Roma
U16 Boys	Saanich Fusion	Burnaby FC
U17 Boys	BC Tigers	Abbotsford United SC
U18 Boys	Fraser Valley Selects	Bays United
U14 Girls	Okanagan FC	Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC Blazers
U15 Girls	Langley United	North Shore Girls Renegades
U16 Girls	Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC Pegasus	North Shore Girls Renegades
U17 Girls	Fusion FC Selects	Fraser Valley Selects
U18 Girls	Comox Valley United	Burnaby FC Fire

B-CUP (KAMLOOPS)

CUP	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
U14 Boys	Langley United	Gorge FC
U15 Boys	Kamloops Blaze	Nelson Selects
U16 Boys	Langley United	Kamloops Blaze
U17 Boys	Langley United	Kamloops Blaze
U18 Boys	Saanich Fusion	Vancouver Athletic FC Vikings
U14 Girls	Kamloops Blaze	Kelowna YSA
U15 Girls	Nelson Selects	Kamloops Blaze
U16 Girls	Prince George Impact	Kamloops Blaze
U17 Girls	Nelson Selects	Gorge FC
U18 Girls	Kamloops Blaze	Kelowna United

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

(LANGFORD)

CUP	WINNERS
Men's A-Cup	Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC
Keith Millar Men's B-Cup	Westside Strikers FC
Deryl Hughes Men's Masters A-Cup	Surrey FC
Men's Masters B-Cup	FC Sumy
Men's Over-45 Cup	Surrey FC Temple
Women's A-Cup	Surrey United SC
Leeta Sokalski Women's B-Cup	TSS FC Rovers
Women's Masters A-Cup	Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC
Women's Masters B-Cup	PCOV

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW - BCSPL

BC SOCCER PREMIER LEAGUE (2011 - 2024)

The BCSPL is a standards-based development environment and is positioned as the highest level of youth development community soccer within BC. For the 2024 season, the age groups that participated within the league were U14 to U18 female and male players.

Its purpose is to bring together identified players from the BC Soccer membership into training and game environments that supports overall development, as well as providing further opportunities for player identification into higher levels of play.

The BCSPL is also designed to support the development of coaches and referees, who are required to hold specific levels of certification to ensure standards-based requirements are met. This is complimented with ongoing technical support through the BCSPL participating Clubs, BC Soccer, and Canada Soccer.

Organizations that obtain the Canada Soccer National Youth Club designation (introduced in 2019), as well as receiving BC Soccer Board approval, are eligible to participate in the BCSPL. Following the approval of Abbotsford SA, Port Moody SC and Ridge Meadows SC, BC Soccer are pleased to announce that 16 BCSPL franchise clubs participated in the BCSPL starting in September 2024.

CURRENT BCSPL PARTICIPANTS

1. Burnaby FC
2. Coastal FC
3. Coquitlam Metro-Ford SC
4. Fusion FC
5. Abbotsford SA
6. Langley United
7. Nanaimo United FC
8. North Vancouver FC
9. Port Moody SC
10. Ridge Meadows SC
11. Surrey FC
12. Surrey United SC
13. Thompson Okanagan FC
14. TSS Rovers
15. Van Isle Wave
16. Vancouver United FC



CLUB LICENSING

The Club Licensing initiative is progressing well in British Columbia. Out of the 101 youth clubs sanctioned by BC Soccer, 95 have successfully completed the licensing process and now hold their respective licenses. The remaining six clubs are either new additions to their districts and in the final stages of their applications or are addressing unique circumstances. Overall, this program has significantly enhanced engagement with youth clubs and strengthened BC Soccer's relationship with the soccer community.

PROVINCIAL PROGRAM

The Provincial Program is designed to bring together identified players from the BC Soccer Premier League (BCSPL), and wider members, into training and game environments. The program focuses on supporting each player's development while also creating an overall environment that allows scouting opportunities for higher-level programming. In May 2023, BC Soccer introduced a Provincial Program Identification Weekend to provide BC players within the U16-U18 age groups further exposure to universities, semi-professionals, and Professional environments.

A total of 413 players (203 female) and (210 male) participated in the Provincial Program in 2023/24, either through the program's identification or development group component.

The Provincial Program has proven successful in developing players as now 74% of the girls in the Vancouver Whitecaps FC GE NDC Programming are BC provincial team alum, and on the Men's side, 66% of the Vancouver Whitecaps FC MLS Academy Programming came through the BC Provincial program.



DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

Each year, BC Soccer offers Grants which serve the dual purpose of acknowledgement of the associations Strategic Plan initiatives and reinforcing alignment between Canada Soccer's Club Licensing Program and other national projects. These Development grants offer supplementary support to organizations, all while concentrating on the elimination of potential obstacles that may impede their ability to meet or exceed the Canada Soccer Club Licensing Standards.

The Grants Program was modified in the 2022-23 season to better align with the key objectives of BC Soccer's strategic plan and to foster greater synergy with Canada Soccer's Club Licensing Program. In the post-pandemic landscape, this initiative has been gradually recovering, with the number of grants awarded to clubs increasing from 14 in 2022-23 to 15 in 2023-24, up from 12 grants in the 2021-22 season.

However, the program has not yet reached the same level of impact seen in pre-pandemic years, indicating there is still room for improvement, particularly in educating clubs about this opportunity. Insights gained from the Club Licensing program will be instrumental in this effort, as BC Soccer is now aware of several initiatives that qualify for grants and is better positioned to guide, instruct, and encourage clubs to participate in the Grants program.

In 2023-24, we successfully awarded grants in all five categories: 6 Accessibility Grants, 1 Diversity and Inclusion Grant, 3 Equity Grants, 2 Grassroots Development Grants, and 3 Organizational Development Grants.

2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, BC Soccer and its generous donors expanded the number of scholarships available to support students pursuing post-secondary education. A total of \$29,000 was awarded across 15 scholarships, up from 11 scholarships valued at \$22,000 in 2023.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP Scholarship
Haylie Clarke

BC Soccer Scholarship supported by SoccerX
Anderson Peters

BC Soccer Scholarship
Mikan Munson & Yash Vasdev

BCSPL Scholarship
Emma Sparrow & Nicholas Belben

Dancey Family Scholarship
Claire Nicholas

Donna Dancey Memorial Scholarship
Emily Lewis

Joe Ciresi Scholarship
Alegria Massa

Red Card Legacy Foundation Scholarship
Cassie Hoytema & Isaac Dams

SBC Insurance Agencies Ltd. Scholarship
Lucy Haigh

Uniglobe Carefree Travel Group Scholarship
Sophia Eiley

South Fraser District Association Scholarship
Sarina Mann & Nathan Locke





PROFILES OF THE 2024 INDUCTEES

PLAYERS OF DISTINCTION



Jamie Ackinlose One of the greatest Canadian para soccer players, Jamie Ackinlose played for Canada's Para soccer team from 2010 to 2019, was named the Canada Soccer Para Player of the Year in 2017 and was inducted to the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame in 2023.



Nick Gilbert played striker for top Victoria teams from the 1980s to 2001. He played professionally in the Canadian Soccer League from 1987 to 1993 and made 12 appearances for Canada's senior Men's National Team between 1988 and 1992.

COACHES OF DISTINCTION



Doug Abercrombie was an outstanding coach of female soccer teams for 30 years. After coaching Burnaby Edmonds U-14 girls to national champions, and BC All-Star girls' teams, Abercrombie coached Capilano University's Women's Team from 1994 to 2010, winning the Canadian College Championship five times.



Sharolta Nonen played youth soccer for Vancouver and BC Selects, then became the first three-time All-American at the University of Nebraska. A defender, Nonen went on to play professional soccer across the United States and played 63 games for Canada's Women's National Team between 1999 and 2006.

Murray West was a stand-out Vancouver and BC player from 1928 to 1940, described as "one of the finest half-backs of the 1930s" and usually his team's captain. West was selected nine times to play for Vancouver All-Stars against visiting professional teams, the record for any player before World War Two.



Mike Bartram's impact in soccer in Kamloops was as a player, coach, official and as a builder. Under his guidance, the UCC Sun Demons women's Soccer Team won national and provincial college titles, and he was "College Coach of the Year" five times provincially, and three times nationally.



REFEREE OF DISTINCTION

Mauricio Navarro

Hailing from Vancouver, Navarro was a FIFA Referee from 2000 to 2011. He is the only Canadian to referee at Copa America and refereed a CONCACAF Gold Cup Final. Winner of the BC Soccer Official of the Year - Adult Award in 2007, he received many Canada Soccer referee awards between 2002 and 2012.



BUILDERS OF DISTINCTION

Leeta Sokalski

Inducted into the Canada Soccer Hall of Fame in May, builder Leeta Sokalski was a founder/President of the Metro Women's SL, a BC Soccer Director, and BC Soccer's first female Chair from 1987 to 1990. At the heart of the formation of women's soccer in Canada, Sokalski served as Canada Soccer's Director of Female Soccer from 2003-2006.



TEAM OF DISTINCTION

The Chinese Students Team of 1933 is inducted as this year's Team of Distinction. The team represented Vancouver's Chinese community for 20 years, as the community lived with economic hardship and with racial prejudice. The peak of the team's success was winning the regional championship Mainland Cup in 1933.

ORGANIZATION OF DISTINCTION

The two Organizations of Distinction represent soccer's popularity in small and large communities.

Powell River Villa FC

Founded in 1973, Powell River Villa FC has given its local players the chance to shine and progress on a bigger stage. Thriving despite its isolated community's economic challenges and having to travel to the Island every other week, the Villa has won the Vancouver Island league championship four times and placed three players on the VISL "All-Star Team of the last 50 Years".



Vancouver Whitecaps

From their first games in 1974, the Vancouver Whitecaps organization has brought professional soccer to the province for 50 years. The Whitecaps famously won the NASL Soccer Bowl in 1979, the 86ers streak of 46 unbeaten games is unmatched, and the Whitecaps have succeeded in the MLS since 2011. The club was inducted into Canada Soccer's Hall of Fame this May.

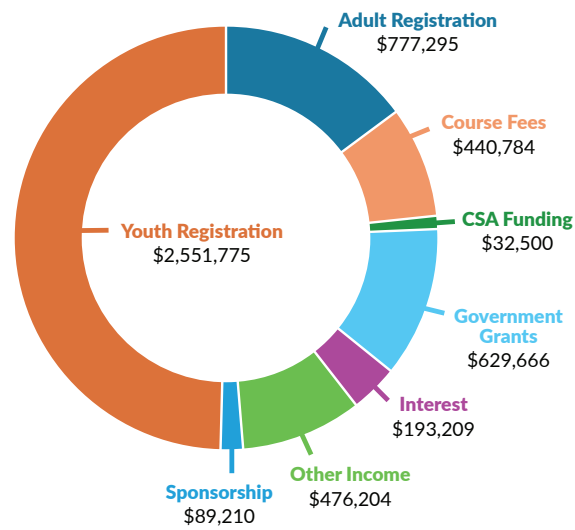


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

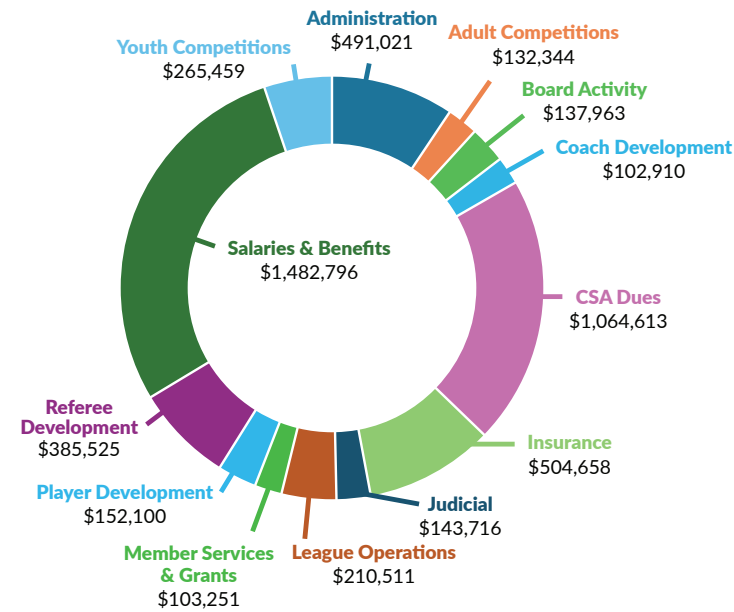
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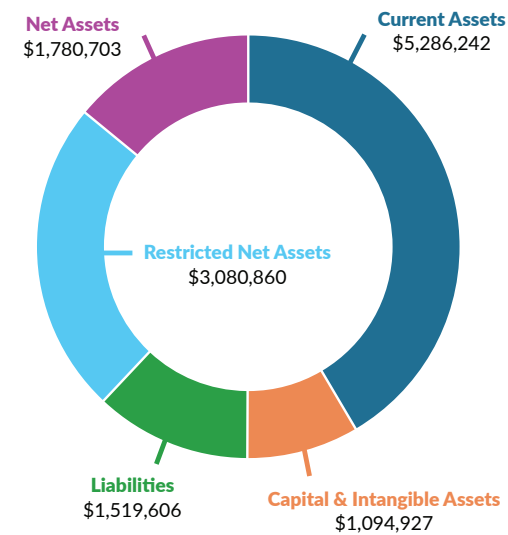
EXPENSES

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BALANCE SHEET

July 31, 2024



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ADULT LEAGUES

- Bulkley Valley Women's Soccer Association
- Creston Women's Soccer Association
- Kamloops United Soccer Club
- Knight Soccer League
- Kootenay East Soccer Association
- Nelson Soccer Association
- North Okanagan Women's Soccer League
- North Shore Girls Soccer Club
- North Shore Sportsman's League
- Pacific Futsal
- Ridge Meadows Soccer Club
- Shuswap Women's Recreational Soccer Association

ADULT PERFORMANCE

- Altitude FC
- Burnaby FC
- Harbourside Football Club
- League1 BC
- PACWEST
- Rivers Football Club
- TSS Rovers FC
- Unity FC
- University of British Columbia
- University of Northern BC
- Vancouver Whitecaps FC
- Victoria Highlanders FC

ACCESS TO SOCCER

- British Columbia Soccer Referees Association
- Hope and Health for Life Society
- ISPARC (Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council)
- NIFA (Native Indian Football Association)
- N.W. Sports Club Society
- Passport to Play Foundation

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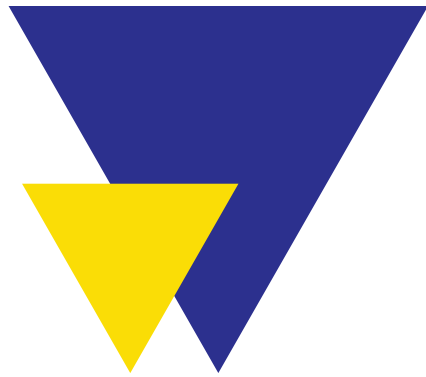
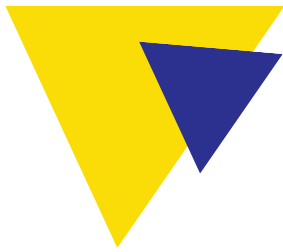
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