

# RICHMOND UNITED FC

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MAY NEWSLETTER 2025



April was a busy month for RUFC and May is shaping to match with a host of new initiatives aimed at helping grow our soccer community!



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**ONE COMMUNITY- ONE FAMILY! IT'S TIME TO BE UNITED!**



**Fall/Winter registration is now open for ALL!**

Click [HERE](#) to register!



**Open Development Program (ODP) Recreational,**  
for girls and boys born 2021 to 2008.

***Early Bird deadline is July 31.***

**Advanced Development Program ("ADP")**  
soccer registration for the main soccer season,  
September to March for girls and boys born 2018  
(U8) to 2008 (U18).

***Early Bird deadline is June 15.***





# BOOT ROOM DONATIONS-THANK YOU!



Every season we hear of families who struggle to replace lost, damaged, or outgrown equipment, and having recycled items on hand allows us to keep teammates playing. These items are also shared with our Free Kickers Food Bank Program, sponsored by Coho Kitchen, which has welcomed over 200 new players to the club over the past three years.

Our April boot room cleat collection was a big success. Thanks to your generosity, RUFC families donated over 30 pairs of used cleats, shin pads, shirts, and balls to be shared with local families in need.

And a big thanks to Soccerlink, at 4940 No 3 Rd, for the surprise of 15 brand new pairs of cleats, still in boxes!

Thanks again to Soccerlink, Coho and PureBread, our club sponsors at Sandhar Trucking, and to you, our RUFC family, for making soccer more accessible across Richmond!



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# Congratulations to our teams for advancing to the BC Provincials!

U18G FLAMES

U18B UNITED

U14B RANGERS

U16G SURGE

U17G DYNAMITE

## Coastal Cup Championship Winners



U18G Flames



U18B United



U14B Rangers

A super shout out to the U18 Boys who also won their BCCSL Division!



U16G Surge



U17G Dynamite

The U16G Surge 3rd Place at Coastal Cup and are off to the Provincials as the BCCSL Divisional winner!

The U17G Dynamite also earned a trip to the Provincials by winning their BCCSL Division!



# Calling for Volunteers

Interested?

Email: [volunteer@rufc.ca](mailto:volunteer@rufc.ca)

RUFC had long relied on our amazing family of volunteer parents to deliver team coaching, team management, and Board engagement, but we've increasingly realized our families have other skills, and networks that we could be using in other productive ways off the field.

We know RUFC is full of talented individuals - parents, family members, and friends - who bring expertise in event planning, marketing, legal work, accounting, logistics, hospitality, project management, translation, and more.

So we're looking to launch a 7-member Volunteer Committee to help guide and support a larger pool of helpers for club events, programs, and festivals. Whether you're a young adult seeking volunteer experience, a retiree with time, or anyone in between, we'd love to have you involved!

Interested? Fill out the form [\[HERE\]](#) or email [volunteer@rufc.ca](mailto:volunteer@rufc.ca) and we'll be in touch!

MORE INFO AT [WWW.RUFC.CA](http://WWW.RUFC.CA)



## FALL/WINTER KITS ANNOUNCED

Our brand new RUFC fall/winter kits have been ordered the upcoming Fall/Winter season, and we heard your feedback!

No more horizontal striped socks and colour clashes. Thanks to our club sponsor Sandhar Trucking, we've upgraded the textile quality to Campea's Velocity kit plus there will be two full kits included in the Fall/Winter registration fee. A home kit with full dark blue with white side stripes, with matching blue shorts and socks. The away kit will be the same design, but in full red.

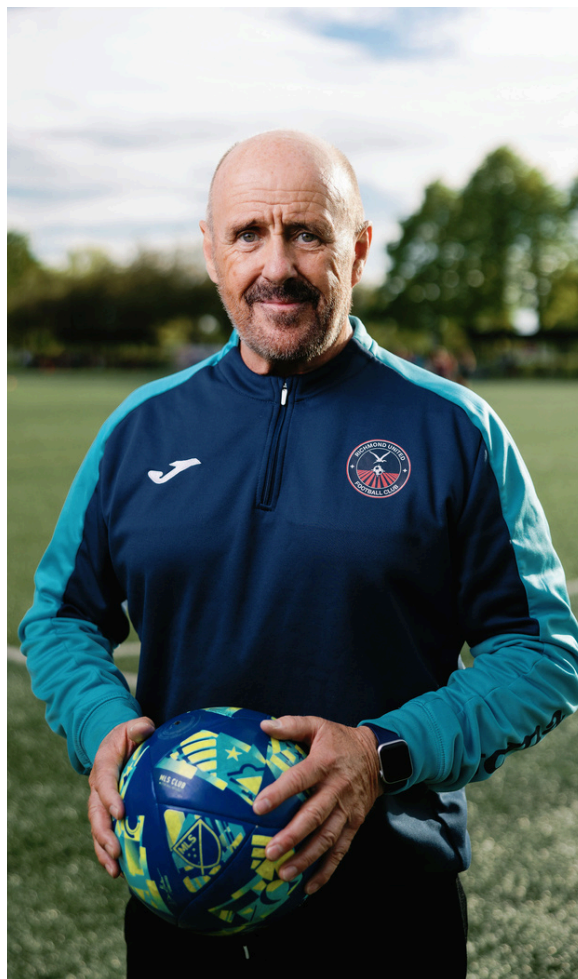
Our current spring teal-and-black kits can be saved and used as a training kit, or 3rd alternate jersey in the case of a colour clash.

Pickup dates will be announced before the Fall/Winter season starts.





## COACH SPOTLIGHT DAVID THORBURN



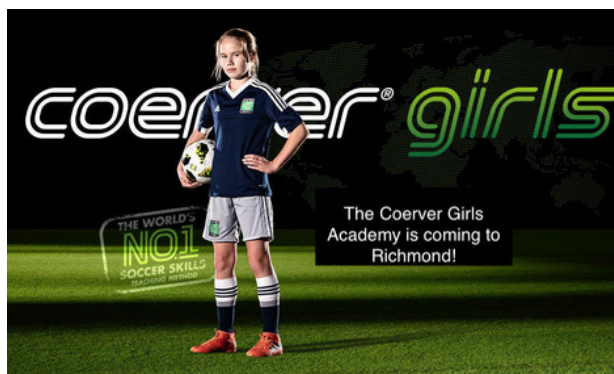
Many of you know our Technical Director, David Thorburn but for newer families: David brings decades of experience to RUFC. Following a long career in the UK as a player, coach, scout, and professional player agent in Europe, he built and ran two mega community soccer clubs in Ontario.

David holds a UEFA (A) and (B) License, a National Youth License plus a Children's License, and a degree in Sports Development, along with other certificates and accreditations. David also leads Canada Soccer and BC Soccer coaching programs for professional coaches, effectively training the trainers, which is part of the reason RUFC puts an increased emphasis on leveraging his knowledge to develop our own young adult players into future coaches once they turn 17. For those with professional aspirations, David has helped numerous players reach U.S. colleges, the MLS, USL, CPL, and even the Premier League, and Scottish Premier League. He continues to scout for the European agency Eleven Sports Management.

Eager for some one-on-one time with David? Sign up for our upcoming summer camps [\[HERE\]](#)



## COERVER GIRLS ACADEMY WRAPS UP STRONG!



Our Coerver Girls Academy training program wrapped up last month with great success. Several players have already transitioned into our Friday Night Academy Program and some players have joined from outside Richmond.

We're committed to growing our girls program, so stay tuned for more opportunities to learn, grow, and play going forward.

In the meantime, register for summer camps and our **NEW Girls Only Summer Camp** at [www.rufc.ca](http://www.rufc.ca) to keep the momentum going!





# BOYD PAVILION MOVES CLOSER

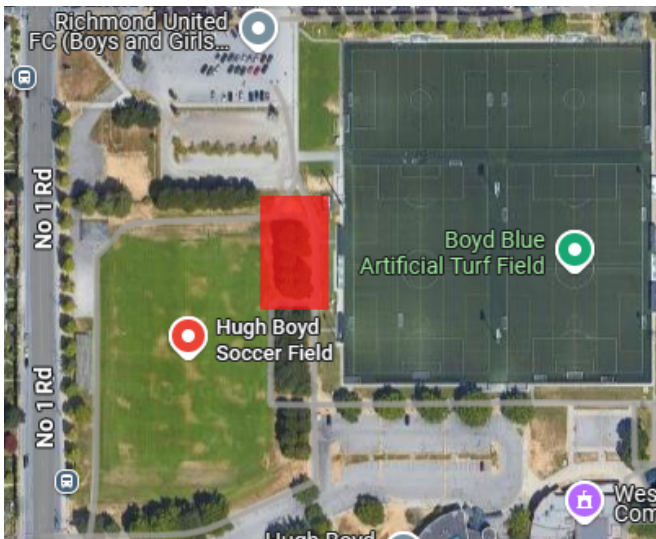


The City of Richmond held an open house in April to show residents design plans for the new Hugh Boyd Pavilion.

Slated for completion in late 2027- early 2028, RUFC has worked tirelessly for the project over 15 years with West Richmond Community Centre, the City Parks Department, Richmond Council, and other sporting and community stakeholders to make this project a reality.

Planned features include: Change rooms, washrooms, community rooms, a covered viewing platform, an office, storage space, tournament facilities, and a year-round concession kiosk.

Special thanks to Councillor Bill McNulty for his guidance, and City Staff for their willingness to move forward throughout the process.







## SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

Following on the success of our wildly popular Thanksgiving Tournament, RUFC began its new Summer Solstice Festival last year to much success.

Now in its second season, the Summer Solstice Festival is expanding fast, with over 80, U8-U13 teams (2000+ players, coaches and their families) from across BC are expected to compete in Richmond over the weekend, supporting our local economy.

To help make the event another success, we're looking for sponsors and volunteers.

We could use 8 volunteers who can contribute 2-3 hours of their time on either Saturday or Sunday, to help organize fields, team check-ins, and handing out shirts. If that's you, please contact [volunteer@rufc.ca](mailto:volunteer@rufc.ca) with your availability.

On the sponsorship front, we're looking for a front of shirt major sponsor (\$2000) and up to 6 back-of-shirt Silver Sponsors (\$400 each), to join our existing club sponsors Sandhar Trucking, PureBread, and Coho Commissary.

## 55+ SENIORS WALKING SOCCER PROGRAM



Our Walking Soccer program in April was a success, with seniors coming out in growing numbers to play a low impact version of soccer that prioritizes fitness and socializing over competition.

The program returns to Minoru Oval in June at 10:00am on Wednesdays. Come out and join the fun!

If you'd like to come out and play, just fill in the form at <https://forms.gle/37dEjo9J5ZVwxzFV6> and bring a water bottle on Wednesdays. We'll take care of the rest thanks to Sandhar Trucking.